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Spain-Morocco short term investigated

Faculty/administration conflict creates sickness and disarray

By MATTHEW EPSTEIN
Editor in Chief

In a way the whole thing resembles *Rashomon*, suggested Ann Scott, associate dean of the faculty, in her office.

She referred to the 1950 black and white Japanese film classic that recounted the story of a group of strangers going before a judge to give their accounts of the death of a nobleman. Each told the story from their own viewpoint, and in the end, the collective accounts only raised confusion.

For 19 days, 16 students from Bates were taken to Spain and Morocco by three faculty members and an administrator. They traveled thousands of miles, often spent 12 hours a day or more on the road, on what could have been the trip of a lifetime.

The Moroccan portion was the especially exciting part— not only do relatively few westerners get to see the North African country, but this trip promised special access sites normally off limits to non Muslims, plus dinner in places like the home of the country's first Prime Minister after the French occupation ended in the 1950s.

It should have been the trip of a lifetime.

Instead, students and faculty sniped at each other on the trip. Many were ill, one seriously enough to be hospitalized while in Spain. Hotel rooms were robbed. There was a physical assault about which the Dean of Students was called. Five months later the school is still investigating what happened.

In rashomonesque fashion, few of the participants give the exact same story. Partly, time is to blame, many could not even remember the order that they visited cities until an itinerary was provided.

But the larger reason is that few seem to have the same complaint. Everyone agrees that something went wrong on the trip, but what, or who, was responsible, is another

matter.

Every year the college, and many other colleges, send students all over the world, to places that do not keep American standards for accommodations and sanitation. The ruins of this trip are a heap of questions about how foreign cultures should be shown to students from American cultures. At what point is another culture too much for students to deal with safely and learn from effectively? At what point are students being disrespectful to another culture when they complain about the lack of western conveniences? When is it time for a faculty member to call home on a school trip? When one student is ill? When much of the class is ill? When academic assignments are being canceled because nobody on the trip is capable of completing them?

Not a trip, but a study tour

When you talk to Mishael Caspi, visiting professor of comparative religion, the first thing he tells you is that it was not a trip, certainly not supposed to be a vacation. It was a "study tour" he explains, it was not supposed to be easy. Caspi was one of three professors on the trip, the other two were Spanish professor Balthazar Fra-Molinero and Professor of Rhetoric Charles Nero, who was not teaching, but accompanied Fra-Molinero. The three were joined by the college's director of Multicultural affairs, Czerny Brasuell, who helped plan the trip.

Bates does not send students abroad for pleasure, but to learn. No vacation would be scheduled so tightly. Breakfast was at 8 a.m. twice in 19 days, every other day it was at or before 7:30 a.m.

On the day that the class arrived in Asilah, where the students spent their first night in Morocco, breakfast was at 6:30, in Spain. At 7:30, the class took a half-hour ferry ride across the Mediterranean to Ceuta, a Span-



An example of one of the toilets in a hotel that housed Bates students Kate McGowan photo

ish possession in North Africa. The rest of the morning was taken by a tour of the city and crossing the border into Morocco. In the afternoon, there was a three hour tour of Tetouan, followed by a bus ride to Asilah over Morocco's relatively poor roads. The journey of less than 60 miles was scheduled to take an hour and a half, and it was followed by the third tour of the day. Dinner was not until 7:30.

Days like that are part of what some saw as the problem. With a look at the official itinerary, neither portion of the trip seems more hectic than the other, in both nations students were expected to be up early and moving for at least 12 hours. Yet every person interviewed for this article recounted Spain as the more relaxed half of the trip. Some on the trip described the Spanish portion as less educational, others felt it was more so.

"In Morocco the schedule was too hectic," said Professor Nero. "I preferred [Spain]

because it gave me time to see things and think about them."

Several students on the trip disagreed, saying that they felt that they learned more in Morocco, despite the problems that developed.

The long days certainly made things worse when things began to go bad. When one student, Simon Delekt, had to go to the hospital because of food poisoning, he and Professor Caspi were able to catch up with the class the next day, before the crossing into Africa.

But when half the class or more began to get sick at one time, there was more of a problem. Tensions had been rising since Delekt went to the hospital, which was described by some students as the first public disagreement among the faculty on the trip.

Throughout the trip students say they

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Mumia supporters unite:

Rally for imprisoned journalist slated for Saturday

By AMANDA HILL

Colorado Daily (U. Colorado)

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. -- Sometimes, people question the effectiveness and fairness of the U.S. judicial system. When innocent people are set free after spending years in prison, one might wonder how they could have been imprisoned in the first place.

One man, Mumia Abu-Jamal, who has sat on death row in Pennsylvania SGI Green prison since 1982, has international supporters who have fought, and continue to fight, for his release.

"We know Mumia's struggle, because no one knows better than we of the lengths to which the criminal 'justice' system will go to in its relentless struggle to take a life," wrote 15 innocent people who have been freed from prison. "Many of us are intimately familiar with the daily degradation of Mumia's 17 years on death row ... Let us be clear: The state's campaign to murder Mumia is designed above all else to silence a black man who dares to speak truth to power. As Mumia himself has said, the state does not just seek his death, it seeks his silence."

As an award-winning journalist and political activist, Mumia does not fit the traditional profile of a criminal.

"Mumia was the minister of information for the Black Panthers when he was 15," said human-rights activist Donnie Hutchinson. "He's been under FBI surveillance since he was 15 because of his political dissent. The system is terrified of Mumia because he speaks the truth."

Accused and convicted of killing a police officer in 1982, Mumia has spent 17 of his 46 years in prison. International supporters of Mumia say that evidence was misused and omitted from his trial, which ultimately led to his conviction. Statements from eyewitnesses, which claim that the actual shooter fled the scene, were not presented to the jury.

"But there are others who know what went on in Judge Sabo's courtroom. And they look at how unfair that trial was, and they know about how the police pressured witnesses against Mumia, and they know as time has gone on how almost all of those witnesses have recanted. And they look at a trial like that and say, 'We don't know whether he is guilty or innocent, but we know that was an unfair trial, and a trial that is so unfair can't prove anything. You shouldn't even take someone's driver's license away in a trial like that, let alone put him on death row,'" said Robert Meeropol, son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were convicted of espionage and executed on June 19, 1953.

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Trip

were aware of a gulf between Caspi and Brasuell, who avoided each other's company. To avoid having the two of them together leading the group on its last day in Spain, Caspi, rather than Fra-Molinero, took Delekta to the hospital. Originally, Fra-Molinero had planned to go with Delekta, but apparently Brasuell objected to being in the company of Caspi.

Professor Nero elaborated: "I thought that Professor Caspi was extremely rude and hostile to Czerny, and I didn't understand the reason for his hostility."

Professor Caspi declined to comment on his feelings about the other adults on the trip, though one student described him as "extremely isolated," because the other faculty excluded him.

"The trip started to turn bad when Simon started to turn sick," said Kate McGowen, who is the Student's news editor, and who was not involved in the production of this article.

Delekta rejoined the class the next day before the crossing into Africa, for the long schedule above, which ended at a hotel in Asilah. The first night in Morocco was the start to the most destructive debate of the trip, the one over lodgings, which connects to most of the other complaints in some way.



The Spain-Morocco group in Toledo, Spain

Kate McGowen photo

"Nobody told me about a Turkish toilet"

Hotels in Morocco range from those that are expensive, with western conveniences such as flush toilets, to more traditional ones, where standards for rooms are not the same as in most American hotels, even very cheap ones.

There was also a very limited amount of money to spend in Morocco. For nine days,

"I think that it is necessary that every one on the trip gets an apology from every one of the people involved."

- Simon Delekta, '02

the total budget, per person, was \$450. That money had to support lodging, food and any academic expenses. To save money on hotels, the class frequently stayed in hotel schools.

McGowen recounted that in Asilah, one room had a hole in the wall big enough to admit small animals. Several students con-

firmed that there was no hot water in the bathrooms, with some broken toilets and showers.

Beyond Asilah lay another shock—the lack of flushable toilets. In Meknes and in most stops beyond that, the hotel bathrooms consisted of "Turkish toilets," simply a whole in the ground that the user washes out with water when finished.

At least part of the class was unaware that this was to be a part of the Moroccan experience. "They didn't say anything about a Turkish toilet," said Tonya Taylor, who was on the trip and later became ill. Some of the bathrooms were covered in feces, and hot water was by no means assured at any stop.

Several rooms also had serious bug prob-

"The hotels were not clean in Morocco. At one there was only one working toilet for 21 people."

- Professor Charles Nero

lems. McGowen and other students wrapped their hair in plastic one night and slept on top of bedcovers out of fear of lice.

Some faculty members too found the accommodations unacceptable. Brasuell and Nero both told the Student that they were troubled by the hotels, students reported that Fra-Molinero also had concerns but the professor is currently out of the country on a Colby Bates-Bowdoin semester abroad, and could not be reached in time for this article.

"I did not feel that [the accommodations] were adequate at all," said Brasuell. "My concern is not that students are in luxury accommodations... I think that they should be exposed to the culture... [but there needs to be] a minimal level of safe accommodations."

"The hotels were not clean in Morocco," said Nero. "At one there was only one working toilet, for 21 people."

His feeling was that the class should have stayed in more expensive hotels, pointing out that three-star hotels in Morocco were less than \$30 a night for two people, which included a meal.

Complaints about hotels in Morocco were directed at Caspi, who arranged that portion of the trip because he had a number of contacts in the country. Fra-Molinero had responsibility for the time spent in Spain.

Brasuell, Fra-Molinero and Nero were joined in their complaints by a number of students, who at one point, when a number of people were sick, wanted to move to a more

expensive hotel. They never did, in part because a number of students on the trip could not afford to pay for a hotel room.

Yet other students and Caspi believe that the hotels were acceptable, with the exclusion of one place, where the class left, and that the problem was that some students insisted on maintaining an American level of comfort no matter where they were.

Several students used a variation of the phrase "I didn't think the rooms were that bad," when asked about the hotels in Morocco.

"I think the main problem was that they did not prepare everyone for traveling in a third world country," commented Simon Delekta.

Caspi agreed with that statement in an interview, saying: "I blame myself that I did not insist here that it would be very hard."

What all agreed was a problem, however, was the tension that the hotel debate caused in the class. With a rising number of ill students (all but 2 students were sick to some degree in Morocco), there were verbal confrontations, including screaming matches in public. Several people broke into tears in Fez, less than halfway through the Moroccan tour.

In Marakesh, students demanded a meeting to try to work through some of the disputes and to get an accounting of the money

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spent on the trip, to understand why the questionable hotels were necessary.

But students continued to complain after the meeting, and people still got sick. Two days later in Rabat, several students were left alone in the hotel while the class went out on the day's schedule.

At one point during the day, Kate McGowen, who was by all accounts, violently ill, got up to try and ask for help. She collapsed in the hallway, and was discovered by Tonya Taylor.

Taylor had a list of emergency numbers to reach the Moroccan professors travelling with the class, but the numbers did not work. Essentially, the students who were left behind, all too ill to even ride the bus, some of whom required the care of a doctor later that afternoon, were left alone in a hotel in a country where they did not speak the language with no way to summon help.

Brasuell, who several students gave credit to for helping them while they were sick, told the Student "I did not know that students who were sick had been left alone," stating that she did not approve of that situation. "I think that I did what I would do if it was a child of mine, or what I've done before for students who were ill [in other foreign countries]."

Though nobody had a specific complaint about the food, it was undeniably different from what almost all of the students were used to, and a combination of culture shock and fatigue from the rigorous schedule probably made things worse. Students were given plenty of bottled water and a variety of medications to counter the ailments that spread through the group.



A donkey carries water in Morocco. Kate McGowen photo

When is it time to call home?

Despite the confrontations and the illnesses, the college administration was not made aware of any problems during the trip. The first and only time that anyone called Lewiston was on the last night of the trip, when a male student assaulted a female student he once dated. The conflict between the two had been a major factor in the tension among the entire class, particularly the efforts of some students to accommodate the male student, who was described several times in interviews for this article as frequently in tears over his estrangement with his ex-girlfriend, and increasingly unfriendly to other students as the trip wore on.

Classes going abroad and staying out of touch will now be required to call into the Dean of Students office periodically to ensure that there are no problems.

Even before the stories of the Spain-Morocco trip made their way to Lane Hall, there were plans to have Associate Dean of Students Stephen Sawyer take full time responsibility for off campus programs, giving him the new title of associate dean for off campus study.

"One of the lessons from this short term unit is that of making sure that people are aware of the physical expectations," said Dean Sawyer. "The style for short term units has been very independent," he continued, but he explained that in the future, faculty will be expected to check in with his office periodically.

The dean of faculty's office is also investigating the trip. Though Associate Dean of the Faculty Ann Scott would not comment on the specifics of any investigation, she did explain that: "Yes, we are trying to find out what happened. Students came to us, and to the Deans of Students."

None of the faculty members contacted knew anything about the dean of faculty's investigation.

The steps of an investigation and changes to future programs do little to reassure those who went to Spain and Morocco. Most of the students who were interviewed for this article asked to have their names withheld for at least some comments that they made because they feared retribution from one of the faculty members on the trip, or bad feelings from fellow students.

"I think that it is necessary that every one on the trip gets an apology from every one of the people involved," said Simon Delekta. "All I think is necessary is an apology."

Labor leader speaks: Bangor praised for 'Clean Clothes' activism

By CHRISTINE HOPKINS
Forum Editor

Charles Kernaghan, director of the National Labor Council, spoke on his experiences in anti-sweatshop activism Saturday the 18th in Bangor at a Clean Clothes Fun Fair organized by Peace for Interamerican Community Action- PICA.

Kernaghan earned national fame as "the man who took the happy face off Kathy Lee clothes, and Kathy Lee herself." He has also exposed the sweatshop conditions of Haitian workers employed by Disney.

Kernaghan applauded the local Bangor merchants who attended the Clean Clothes Fun Fair in order to show their stores' dedication to selling humanely-made products.

Bangor is the only city in Maine to have passed a proclamation supporting anti-sweatshop campaigns and has appeared in national newspapers and magazines, such as *Utne* reader, for the grassroots initiative of PICA, the Clean Clothes campaign, and the City Council's anti-sweatshop ordinance. Bangor has been called a model city for activism that unites Maine labor unions, US

anti-sweatshop workers, and Salvadorian communities to the struggle for social justice.

Currently PICA is lobbying the Bangor Fire Department to purchase its uniforms from companies that promote human rights and safe working conditions. Six-thousand fire-fighters attending a Firemen convention in Bangor on Saturday were given a clean clothes informational flier as part of their convention packets.

"Usually when I show up the companies are trying to run me out of town," said Kernaghan of Bangor's welcoming environment.

Kernaghan had just returned from a sweatshop investigation on Caribbean Apparel. Kernaghan explained that four workers attempted to organize and received death threats from the company, so this weekend the lead organizer would be flown into the US for her own safety.

"Companies try to say that 60 cents in El Salvador is a good wage. Workers say it's a lie. Transportation to and from work is six to eight cents. Breakfast costs 80 cents, lunch

costs a dollar and forty-nine cents. They leave work with a dollar and eighty-two cents. A 10' by 12' hovel with an outhouse costs \$31.50 or a dollar and three cents per day. They have seventy-nine cents at the end of the day and they still need to buy dinner...Something is wrong when a worker produces a \$198 Liz Claiborne jacket and has to raise her kids on coffee," said Kernaghan.

Kernaghan's speech was broadcast on WERU 89.9 fm. He discussed the violence and hardship suffered by the ten-thousand young people who work in inhumane conditions to make El Salvador the seventh largest exporter to the US.

"At Duwall [a multi-national company in El Salvador] there are cinderbrick walls with a locked gate and barbed wire. Inside there are guards with sawed-off shotguns...They lock young people in the global economy and strip them of their rights," Kernaghan said as he showed photographs of towering concrete walls, barbed fence, and guards at the Duwall corporation in El Salvador that produces Liz Claiborne apparel.

Kernaghan linked the exploitation of for-

eign workers to the plight of US labor and unions. He commented that one-thousand jobs in Maine have been lost due to companies moving to the third-world in a downward spiral of globalization. Worse, Maine workers actually pay taxes to support a local government that has been helping to subsidize companies' moves overseas.

Following the speech, Kernaghan participated in an improvisational theater sponsored by PICA's youth organization, Youth Adelentado. Kernaghan played a World Trade Organization executive who collected money in huge trash bags from the third-world. The improv theater delved into the conditions of employment of citizens in Bangor's sister city, Carasquez, El Salvador.

The play ended when the colorful curtain of a "Happy Face Sweatshop" was cut down to expose exhausted and impoverished workers, and when the activists stormed the World Trade Organization to demand a redistribution of companies' and nations' profits and to recreate the WTO as the "World Togetherness Organization."

Campus flood shrills fire alarms, cause unknown

By ELLEN HAYNES
Staff Writer

Floods in campus housing forced many students out into the rain and into the cold temperatures of Pettengill Hall twice last week.

The Bill, Hedge Hall, and Pettengill Hall were all flooded because of the rain from Hurricane Floyd. The Bill was hit particularly hard, not only with flooding, but with problems concerning steam. These problems caused the fire alarm to sound on several occasions, ejecting frustrated students into the tropical storm. No one is sure yet of the cause of these troubles, but most of the recent problems stem from a manhole that is not draining properly.

In the walkway between the Bill, Hedge, and Pettengill there is a manhole that occasionally floods when it rains. Because of the large quantity of rain that fell this past week, the manhole backed up. This manhole is what drains all of the excess water away from the three buildings. When the pipes under the manhole backed up with water, the build-

ings flooded. The Physical Plant has not yet determined why the manhole is not draining properly. Although there were crews working all night through the rain and two pumps working to drain the manhole, none of this was enough to stop the flooding.

The problems with steam in the Bill are also related to the flooding. When flooding occurs, water runs over the pipes that carry steam to the various parts of campus. This cold water hits the hot pipes and causes a lot of steam. The steam clouds are what set off the fire alarms in the Bill. Once the water retreated, the steam clouds vanished. Steam for all of Bates was shut down last week for a couple of days, allowing the hot pipes to cool down.

In order to figure out the problem with the manhole, the college must dig up the walkway by Hedge, the Bill and Pettengill. However, a week from this Saturday is Parent's Weekend and the dedication of Pettengill. Until the college can go in and see what the problem is, the cause of the flooding will not be known.

Hispanic students challenge Texas testing

By SUMMER GILLETTE
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas -- A group of Hispanic students challenging the Texas Education Agency's use of standardized tests to determine graduation went before the U.S. District Court in San Antonio Monday.

The Mexican American Legal Defense Fund filed the case last October on behalf of seven students who did not pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exit-level test and were not allowed to graduate.

MALDEF spokesman Joe Sanchez said the test contains cultural biases and is not an indicator of future performance, yet the exam prevents many minorities from attending college, obtaining jobs and advancing in employment.

"We want to be more than fast food workers and janitors, but we're not given the opportunity to graduate," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said the tests are not a realistic means of evaluating students.

"A uniform standard is good, but we do not now have the same educational standard and opportunity for all students," he said.

But Joey Lozano, spokesman for the Texas Education Agency, said the agency takes special measures to ensure there are no cultural or socioeconomic biases in the

test.

A panel submits unscored field items in every test and examines the results to ensure that a proportionate number of minority students get each question right, he said. Lozano added that the method usually reveals the type of questions subject to bias.

"We believe that the TAAS is a valid measure on student learning as far as determining basic skills," he said. "We have always maintained and worked diligently to create a test that does not discriminate in any way."

Sanchez said state records show the failure rate of Hispanic and African-American students is twice that of whites. A high number of students also drop out when they don't pass the test at earlier levels, he said.

"Standardized testing has historically been used to discriminate, and it is continuing to be used for that today," Sanchez said.

Sanchez added that funds allocated to programs that teach students to pass the test could be used for other educational resources.

But Lozano said the test ensures that students have rudimentary skills in language and math.

"Employers, taxpayers and the general public want to know that the high school diploma means something," he said.

New federal rules could force college dropouts to repay grants

By STEPHANIE CORNS
Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. -- Students who drop out of school may have to repay part of their financial aid under new rules proposed by the U.S. Department of Education.

The new rules were released by the department in August to help carry out the amendments made with the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in 1998.

"Any student who receives federal financial aid in the form of a grant or loan who drops out of school is going to have to pay some money back," said Susan Lipsmeyer, director of financial aid at Grossmont College, El Cajon, Calif.

Lipsmeyer has been a key figure recently in reforming the new set of financial aid rules.

"We had the refund policy in the past, but the changes are much more punitive," she said.

The new law mandates that students earn their financial aid by the length of time they stay in school.

If the amount the student was disbursed is greater than the amount the student earned, unearned funds have to be returned," the law states.

If a student drops out before completing 60 percent of the semester, any unearned loan and grant money must be repaid.

Under the current law, students completing only 25 to 50 percent of the enrollment period would have to repay 25 percent of financial assistance.

"It depends when you drop out," said John Nametz, the UA's director of financial aid.

"We have to calculate how much a student earned and how much a student didn't earn."

Nametz added that students with only loans would see more benefits under the new rules than students who receive grants.

"If you've only got loans it helps," he said. "They benefit in that they pay back more of the loan, lowering the loan principle."

Because the proposal could hurt low-income Pell Grant recipients, higher education associations lobbied to have the grant exempt from the repayment calculations.

After negotiating with the Department of Education, they agreed that 50 percent of the grant should be exempt.

If a student received a \$2,000 Pell Grant, only a maximum of \$1,000 would have to be returned if he or she dropped out.

Critics said the written law was ambiguously worded though, leaving the exempted amount prey to calculations that could force Pell recipients to repay the grant.

Nametz said that while the proposed rules make refund calculations easier, the old rules were a better deal.

"I prefer that the Department of Education allow the university to calculate its own refunds," he said. "I think our policies were fair and reasonable and compassionate. I like to be a student advocate in these programs."

The University of Arizona is only one of many schools to oppose the rules.

Lipsmeyer, with the support of the California Community Colleges and the American Association of Community Colleges, has been pushing for a revision of the proposed

policy.

"The provisions we were operating under in the 1998 amendments to the Higher Education Act were more than adequate," she said. "Generally students did not owe money back to the government."

Hey, this space
could be yours.
Instead, it's
mine.

Freedom Rally protesters fired up over marijuana legalization

By DENISE JEWELL
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON -- About 40,000 people crowded on Boston Common Saturday for the tenth annual Freedom Rally, a protest in support of decriminalizing marijuana.

Boston Police officers arrested 72 people at the rally, mostly for drug possession, although one man was arrested for carrying a loaded gun, said Boston Police spokesman Kevin Jones.

Despite the few number of arrests, many participants were lighting up joints and passing bowls of marijuana in small groups on the lawn filled with political and religious campaigners, vendors and participants of all ages.

"I saw a guy smoking [marijuana] about 5 feet away from the cops, and he wasn't doing anything. It was a big blunt, too," said Boston resident Ann Bernier, who was walking by the rally in the Common.

Police were stationed at check points around the perimeter of the fenced-in rally and at the top of a hill in the enclosed area. However uniformed police officers were not, for the most part, circulating through the crowd of protesters.

There were undercover police officers throughout the crowds making arrests, Jones said. Plain-clothes officers brought handcuffed suspects to a small police tent in one

corner of the demonstration.

Police officers were present to "keep the peace, to protect and serve," according to Jones.

Organized by the Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition and the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Law, this year's rally was aimed at collecting signatures for a proposed November 2000 ballot initiative on decriminalizing marijuana.

Although it would not legalize marijuana, the initiative would reduce punishment for using the drug to a civil offense punishable by fines of up to \$200. It would also allow marijuana to be used for medicinal purposes. Distribution to persons under 18 would still merit a criminal punishment with imprisonment up to two and a half years, a fine up to \$5,000 or both.

The group needs to collect more than 57,000 signatures to have their initiative considered by legislators this fall. If lawmakers do not take action, Mass Cann will have to collect more signatures to get the question on the ballot in the spring.

Mass Cann collected about 20,000 petition signatures for the decriminalization initiative at the rally, said Jon Holmes of Cambridge, a Mass Cann volunteer. The interest group also registered many rally participants to vote, he said.

R. Keith Stroup, the founder and executive director for NORML, said his group supports the movement to legalize marijuana for

three reasons. He objected to the amount of money the government spends on enforcing marijuana laws, when they could be using money against more serious crimes. It also destroys the lives of many users who get caught, he said. He also said it is wrong for the government to control this aspect of American's lives.

"Marijuana prohibition invites the government into a part of our life that's inappropriate," Stroup said.

One of many volunteers at the rally, Massachusetts Institute of Technology sophomore Charisse Massay, was working to help collect signatures for Mass Cann's initiative. Massay is a member of the MIT Hemp Coalition, an activist group at the university that tries to raise students' awareness of the drug.

"You'll find that the more you learn, the angrier you get," Massay said of marijuana.

David Draugelis, a Boston resident who has been a marijuana activist for about 35 years, said demonstrations like the Freedom Rally need to be held until the law is changed.

"Being one of the drug guinea pigs of the 60s, I've been smoking for that many years, and I've seen no adverse effects that it's had on me," Draugelis said.

Author Joe Astro sold autographed copies of his book "2002," a novel promoting the movement for marijuana legalization and real-life experiences of police actions against marijuana users.

Astro said he's fighting the law because

he got caught up in a drug bust five years ago in an apartment building he owned. "Basically, I'm a hard-core fighter," Astro said. "I'm a Vietnam vet who fought for something I didn't believe in, so now I fight for something I do."

Despite the political intentions of the rally, not all that came were interested in the political action. Many just came for a good time.

"We came to meet some people and have a smoke and stuff," said Suffolk University freshman Chris Dilling. He added that, for him and his friends, some of the activities at the rally were not unusual in the park.

"We come out every night and smoke on the Commons when no one is around," Dilling said.

Although all laws are still in effect, some at the festival weren't sure whether it was legal to smoke in the Common during the rally.

"My friends had varying opinions on what you could do," Emerson College sophomore Alicia Koscielniak said. "Some thought you could do anything, and some thought you just couldn't buy [marijuana]."

Two women that asked Ohio Hemp merchant and attorney Don Wirtshafter, who spoke at the rally, if it was legal to smoke marijuana in the fenced-off area were told if they wanted to smoke marijuana, they should "get in the middle of the crowd and don't go on the back hill."

Debate novices rank high in first tourney

By WILL COGHLAN
Senior Staff Writer

Last weekend, eight novice debaters from the Brooks Quimby Debate Council traveled to Columbia University in New York City to compete in the first tournament of the year.

Only novice debaters competed in this competition, which provided them with an opportunity to experience competitive debate without facing upperclass competition. First-years Max Bergman and Ryan Weaver placed 11th out of more than 130 teams, and Bergman posted an impressive 5th best

speaker overall. "We had a great time and it was a great learning experience. This is certainly something I will stay involved with at Bates," said Bergman about the weekend's tournament.

The first regular tournament on the American Parliamentary Debate Circuit

(open to both novice and seasoned debaters), takes place this weekend at Williams College, and will be attended by student commencement speakers Whitman HoIt '02 and Rebecca Goetz '00, as well as numerous other members of the debate council. The tournament will take place over the course of two days, with three rounds on Friday and two on Saturday, followed by an awards ceremony.

On November 5th and 6th, the Brooks Quimby Debate council will host the World Preparatory Tournament, a precursor to the World's Tournament which will be held in Sydney, Australia in January. Bates beat out Middlebury and Mt. Holyoke colleges for the honor of hosting the Preparatory Tournament. The two day event will include workshops on world debate style, competitive debate rounds, as well as social events such as a banquet and party. Students who are not members of the debate members are encouraged to get involved with hosting the tournament. The debate council is currently accepting design submissions for a banner for the tournament, offering a \$25 gift certificate to Bull Moose music to the winner. Also, the community is encouraged to attend the final rounds of the competition.

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- Jay Surdukowski,
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"People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid."

-Soren Aabye Kierkegaard
(1813-1855)

RU-486 may soon provide alternative to surgical abortions

By MARY BETH POLLEY
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON -- A few blocks from Boston University, activists debate the right to an abortion each week. Armed with pictures of dead babies, pro-life activists chant and pray for the lives of unborn children feet from the Commonwealth Avenue Star Market.

Meanwhile, pro-choice supporters wait to escort women into the Planned Parenthood clinic where John Salvi, an anti-abortionist, killed two women in 1994.

But a little white pill may change that.

Mifepristone, more commonly known as RU-486, is scheduled to be available in the United States by the end of 1999. The pill, which took 10 years to enter the American market, will allow women to have drug-induced abortions in their own homes.

"The biggest difference is that it doesn't require surgery," said Pam Nourse, a spokesman for the Massachusetts League of Planned Parenthood.

Mifepristone aborts pregnancy in its early stages by stopping the production of progesterone, the hormone that controls lining of the uterus and maintains pregnancy. Without progesterone, the uterine lining softens and bleeds.

Mifepristone is taken with misoprostol, a prostaglandin normally used to treat ulcers. When used for abortions, misoprostol causes contractions in the uterus that expel its lining.

The medical procedure outlined by the Population Council, the non-profit group responsible for mifepristone's development in the United States, involves three trips to a clinic for a woman seeking the chemical abortion.

Once pregnancy is confirmed and a woman has received counseling and a medical check-up, she'll be prescribed to take 600 milligrams of mifepristone and remain under observation for side effects for a half hour. Two days later, she'll return to the clinic and take 400 mcg of misoprostol and remain under observation for four hours, the time during which most side effects occur.

Two weeks later, she'll return for a final examination to make sure the abortion is complete. According to the Population Council, the procedure is 95 percent effective.

Medical abortion can be performed immediately after the pregnancy is confirmed and is most effective when done before the 49th day of pregnancy. The morning-after pill, on the other hand, is only effective for 72 hours after intercourse, and a woman must wait several weeks before she can have a surgical abortion.

"Medical abortion further compresses that time between unprotected sex and when a surgical abortion can be performed," Nourse said.

Organizations like Planned Parenthood and the Population Council have spent more than 10 years trying to bring medical abortions to the United States.

The drug was first developed in 1980 by Roussel Uclaf, a French pharmaceutical company. Studies examining the drug's use in abortions began two years later in France and in the United States in 1983.

In response to pro-life backlash, Hoescht A.G., the parent company of Roussel-Uclaf, announced it would not produce the drug outside of France. While American pro-choice organizations picketed Hoescht offices, the company still refused to sell RU-486. The pill was being denounced globally by pro-life groups including the Vatican, and the company faced both political and economic repercussions for developing the drug.

This was not the first time Hoescht had been linked with the development of a controversial product. Hoescht is one of three companies that emerged out of the breakup of I.G. Farben, the German company responsible for producing cyanide gas for Nazi concentration camps.

In 1988, under the name RU-486, mifepristone became available in France, but because of anti-abortion protests, Roussel-Uclaf quickly stopped distributing the drug.

However, the French Minister of Health stepped in and ordered the company to return the drug to the market, calling it "the moral property of women."

In 1989, under the Bush administration, the Food and Drug Administration banned imports of mifepristone for personal use and drug trials were quickly stopped. Over the next few years, the use of drug was approved by the United Kingdom and Sweden.

In 1992, Leona Benton, an American social worker, tried to challenge the FDA's ban by bringing mifepristone into the country. She was arrested, and the Supreme Court upheld the FDA ban.

A pro-choice group then took the battle underground. The Abortion Rights Mobilization began trying to produce the drug in a warehouse in New York, using published patents of the drug. While the group was able to manufacture their own version of the drug in 1994, they were only able to produce small amounts.

Around the same time, the Clinton administration began pushing the FDA to re-examine the drug, and Roussel Uclaf decided to donate its U.S. rights to the drug to the Population Council. The group began using the drug in clinical trials and searching for an American manufacturer.

"Part of our mission is to expand choices and contraception options for women and men," said Christine Horzempa, a spokeswoman for the Population Council. "We view it as part of our continuum of options for women."

The clinical trials were a success for both the clinicians and the patients involved, Horzempa said.

According to statistics from the clinical trials published in the New England Journal of Medicine in April 1998, of the 2,121 women who participated in the trials, 96 percent said they would recommend the procedure to others and 91 percent said they would use it again. The procedure had a 92 percent success rate during the trials.

Approximately half of the participants had a surgical abortion in the past, and 75 percent of those women said they preferred the medical abortion to the surgical version.

Even after receiving an FDA approval letter in 1996, the Population Council had problems finding a manufacturer.

There aren't many pharmaceutical companies that produce steroids in the first place, and many that do felt manufacturing mifepristone would not be a good business proposition, Herzopa said.

One potential manufacturer pulled out suddenly for what people assume is a political reason, Herzopa said.

The Population Group is now working with the Danco Group, which plans on releasing the drug by the end of this year, Herzopa said. The company is currently developing marketing and training literature and working to meet the final FDA requirements.

The organizations and individuals investing in the drug's manufacture are being kept secret, as are the locations of the plants that will produce mifepristone. However, that information may become public under the Freedom of Information Act after the manufacturing process and the plants are investigated by the FDA as the drug nears approval.

"We don't even know what its going to be called," Nourse said. "That's how secret it is."

Nourse believes the secrecy surrounding the drug is necessary due to the actions of a loud and vocal anti-abortion minority that has already prevented the drug's distribution for the past 10 years.

While Nourse expects attempts by the pro-life movement to limit mifepristone's availability, she believes the drug will be produced by February 2000.

But until the drug is widely available in the United States, how it will affect the abortion debate remains to be seen.

New developments in medical and chemical abortion will not change the way people feel about abortion, according to George Annas, a nationally recognized bioethicist and BU professor of public health law. It will, however, make women more responsible for

the abortion.

"It will make women more responsible for the abortion, which is a good thing," Annas said. "You don't just go somewhere and have it taken care of. You're much more personally involved."

While the procedure, which does not involve anesthesia, may seem to be as simple as taking a pill, it does cause cramping and abdominal pain similar to a natural miscarriage. Other side effects include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, as well as uterine bleeding lasting an average of 13 days for medical abortions performed before the 49th day, according to studies directed by the Population Council.

A much less common side effect is excessive bleeding. Fifty-six women out of the 2,121 who participated in clinical trials needed surgery because of blood loss and four women required blood transfusions.

One woman died from a heart attack in 1992 in France after a medical abortion that used mifepristone along with a different prostaglandin, sulprostone. Since then, France no longer uses the injectable prostaglandin and has replaced it with an oral version. However, there have continued to be cases involving severe blood loss.

"We have always been separated by a sheet from our fetus," said Saerrin Foster, president of Feminists for Life. Foster believes few women will be able to handle the emotional side effects of witnessing their own abortion, which could occur anytime after the medicine has been taken.

"It's not as easy as taking a pill and your problems will go away," Foster said. "You are forever connected to your child. You are forever changed. A pill won't change that."

According to the Population Council, an embryo at 49 days measures about one-fifth of an inch in length, about the size of an aspirin.

Foster also believes doctors, as well as women, have been misled about the simplicity of the procedure. "Initially a lot of doctors said they were more willing to perform chemical abortions than surgical abortions," Foster said. "Now they've realized its more

complicated than they were led to believe."

A 1998 study by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation showed that 54 percent of the obstetricians/gynecologists who responded to the national survey would be willing to offer mifepristone once the drug received FDA approval. A majority of those who said they were willing to perform a chemical abortion do not provide surgical abortions now. Forty-five percent of family practitioners and 54 percent of nurse practitioners and physician assistants of those surveyed expressed interest in providing a chemical abortion once it was available.

Currently, only 3 percent of those family practitioners and 2 percent of those nurse practitioners and physician assistants have ever performed a surgical abortion.

If these numbers hold true for the future of mifepristone, there would be a huge increase in abortion providers and abortion access for women. However, those doctors may not be prepared to perform a surgical abortion in the case medical abortions fails.

"Doctors shouldn't be able to give RU-486 without being able to perform an abortion," Annas said.

Nourse agreed. "It's 95 percent effective. There's still that five percent," Nourse said. "Doctors need to be prepared."

A doctor needs to be able to perform an abortion or be able to refer a patient to someone who can, Nourse said. Either way, that doctor is responsible.

And even with medical support services in place, some women still would not be comfortable with the idea of having an abortion in their own homes.

One College of Arts and Sciences junior said an abortion in pill form would make it easier for people to use abortion as birth control.

Lara Casse, a CAS sophomore, does not believe she could handle waiting for the abortion to happen.

"I would want it taken care of, completely taken care of," Casse said. "It's a serious decision. It's not like taking a cold medication."

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Tobacco industry faces lawsuit

By MIKE BLATCHLEY
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Tobacco companies may be facing another financial blow as the United States Justice Department announced a civil lawsuit Wednesday, another suit in a series of litigations that have cost the industry billions of dollars.

The enormous lawsuit is charging major tobacco companies with causing \$25 billion worth of health care costs per year for veteran, military personnel, federal employee and Medicare health claims, as the result of lung cancer and other smoking related diseases.

This most recent case follows the "global tobacco settlement" last November in which the tobacco industry agreed to pay 46 states more than \$240 billion over the next 25 years.

However, tobacco industry leaders said they were not going to settle out of court and

pay these kind of damages in the Justice Department suit. They accused the Justice Department of hypocrisy citing governmental aid of tobacco revenue from cigarette taxes.

According to UW-Madison professor Patrick Remington, the Justice Department case has many of the same characteristics as the state suits.

"I think they have just as good a case as the states did," he said.

Remington said litigation by federal and state agencies has been a fairly new source of success for claims against tobacco companies.

Previously, private claims were unwinnable because the plaintiffs had to prove their ignorance of the dangers of tobacco.

Now, with state and federal governments playing the role of plaintiff, the decision to smoke is not a factor in the litigation, he said.

"It becomes a simple question," he said.

"Were the health expenses related to tobacco use?"

Remington said the success of the Minnesota lawsuit which led to the "global tobacco settlement" has been one of the harsher blows dealt to the industry.

"In the Minnesota case, all of the discovery that was done during that trial was extremely incriminating," he said.

Remington said that the Minnesota case discoveries exposed damaging information that showed tobacco companies had prior knowledge of the dangers of smoking, as early as the mid-1950s.

The evidence of prior knowledge is crucial to the Justice Department's case, which is also charging tobacco companies with consumer fraud, alleging that they conspired to keep health dangers associated with cigarette smoking from the public.

According to UW preventive medicine and economics professor John Mullahy, even if the Justice Department was able to successfully settle or win this case, the debatable

charge of \$25 billion would not directly correlate with the amount of damages paid in the future by tobacco companies.

"Although it sounds like a hard number, it's a statistical estimate that has much uncertainty about it," he said. "The value of these companies is their stock prices - the impacts of litigation have already been capitalized on."

UW medical professor, Douglas-Jorenby, said the tobacco companies have absorbed financially damaging litigation in the past by passing the monetary burden on to cigarette smokers.

"It's not the companies who are paying it but the tobacco customers," he said.

Law Professor Gerald Thain said the ability of tobacco companies to find new revenue sources such as overseas markets, point to the resilience of

the industry and the possible impact of the Justice Department's case.

"It would be a blow to them [but] it's not impossible for them to withstand it," he said.

Miss America Pageant may end ban on divorces, abortion

By BRIANNE WARNER
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — This year's Miss America pageant felt the heat of a spotlight — one not directed at the 51 contestants who competed Saturday, but on the contestants' contracts.

The "morality clause" of the contract bars women who have been previously married or pregnant from competing.

But if proposed changes reported by the Associated Press on Sept. 13 go through, those conditions would be altered for the first time in nearly 50 years.

Pageant officials are reportedly considering changing the contract to read only, "I am unmarried" and "I am not pregnant and I am not the natural or adoptive parent of any child."

This opens the door to women who were married once but have since been divorced or widowed, and women who were pregnant but never delivered a baby. The possible change — which is on hold until state pageant officials consider it — has sent ripples of concern through the pageant community.

Heather Metzger, a senior hearing and speech science major and Miss Eastern Maryland 1999, said she was upset at the possible change.

"It totally strays from what Miss America stands for," Metzger said. "It weakens Miss America's credibility with young women, young people and the general American public." She added that the current clause serves as an incentive for those interested in competing in pageants.

"I always thought it was a good idea. Having that morality clause made me more cautious," she said. "It has helped keep me on the 'straight and narrow'."

Felicia Curry, a senior journalism major, Miss Southern Maryland 1999 and Miss College Park 1998, was also dismayed.

"I think we're sending a mixed message," Curry said. "Here's Miss America, the girl next door — but she could have been married."

Curry also pointed out that the pageant considering the change is Miss America — not Mrs. America. Mrs. America is a separate pageant, open to women 18 and older who are married.

Camille Lewis, a junior music education major and first runner-up to Miss Maryland, said she was in favor of the changes. "I guess they are pretty good, because they give more options to young women today," Lewis said.

Some students would rather the clause stay as it is.

Brian Vincent and Mike Holt, both freshmen, said they thought the change would bring Miss America's credibility under question.

Vincent, a government and politics major, said the changes were ill considered, "just because the point of the pageant is to [exemplify] your leadership qualities and be a role model."

Holt, a biology/chemistry major, agreed, saying that contestants could "hide" their past if the clause is altered.

Jogging club touts early morning workouts

By JENNIFER MERKSAMER
Staff Writer

Joggers of all abilities have the opportunity to meet with students of similar interests every morning with the formation of the newest club on campus, the Pedestrian's Club.

The founders, Adam Hume and Matt Scherzer enjoyed running during the summer and wanted to continue the activity during the school year. Although the club is unofficial, it has fourteen members already. They meet at the corner of Campus and College, seven a.m. Monday, Wednesday and

Friday, six a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and 10:30 a.m. on the weekends. Hume mentioned that he liked to run in the morning because "it wakes me up and it leaves me time to complete my homework in the afternoon."

Participants can run or walk up to five miles or as little as a quarter mile.

Future goals include organizing a walking benefit for charity, although the idea is still in the planning process. Hume based the idea on a similar event that occurred at his high school where a 24 hour team walk-a-thon as an AIDS benefit.

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Body found in Michigan State U. residence hall basement

By JEREMY STEELE
The State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — The body of a former Michigan State University student was discovered at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the basement of South Wonders Hall. A hall employee found the body while investigating the source of a strong odor.

Police tentatively identified the body Wednesday evening but are not releasing the name until family has been notified, said MSU police Capt. Tony Kleibecker.

"He is not a student now," Kleibecker said. "But has been in the past."

The body of a male in his early 20s was found in a kitchen area, once used as a snack bar, Kleibecker said. The kitchen, reportedly inaccessible to students, is adjacent to a study room, he said. Police are labeling the death as suspicious, but detectives have not found signs of foul play.

"The body has been there for some time," Kleibecker said soon after the body was discovered. "And at this point it's difficult to determine race and sex even."

An autopsy will be performed this morning to determine the cause of death, Kleibecker said.

The area of the basement where the body was discovered will be closed off until investigators are finished, he said. The South

Wonders Hall basement also houses storage rooms, laundry facilities and a fitness room.

About 600 students live in each of Wonders' two wings.

Residents had complained of a strange odor in the south lobby and near a stairwell leading to the basement and cafeteria for several days.

Child development senior Emily Schwab, who worked as a Wonders security guard during the summer, said the kitchen where the body was found is normally kept locked.

"I was in that little kitchen area many times," Schwab said, adding she hasn't been in the room since mid-August.

The kitchen does not have any outside windows, and there is only a small opening between the kitchen and adjacent study room, she said.

"It's like a little drive-up window," she said. "You couldn't get through it."

No-preference freshman Julia Woerle said she noticed a bad odor Wednesday while at her class in Wonders.

"I never would have thought it was a body," she said. "It was just a really bad smell."

Woerle said she hadn't noticed the odor Tuesday when she had class in Wonders, but said some of her friends had.

"No one knew what it was," she said.

Several classes held in Wonders were canceled or moved Wednesday afternoon.

MSU President M. Peter McPherson said

Wednesday evening he did not know how the body got into Wonders, but students should not feel in danger because of this death.

"I don't think ... what we have here is anything to suspect there is any danger involved," he said.

Journalism freshman Becky Smialek, who lives on the third floor of South Wonders, said she noticed a strange odor for the last several days.

"It's really, really freaky," Smialek said. "I was down there (in the basement) writing a paper at 11 last night."

Smialek, who also said the kitchen is kept locked, did not know if she wanted to sleep in Wonders on Wednesday night.

"We're not even sure if we're spending the night here," Smialek said. "It's just slightly uncomfortable knowing that happened here and we've not lived here a month."

Smialek's friend, no-preference freshman Kari Stander, said she first noticed a strange odor on Monday.

"From now on whenever I go to the basement I'm never going alone," said Stander, who lives on the fifth floor of South Wonders.

Kleibecker said people should be patient until police determine what happened.

"People have to do what they need to do to feel safe," Kleibecker said. "There's no reason to panic at this point."

Mumia —

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Other supporters of Mumia include award-winning author Alice Walker.

"Why should we care that Mumia Abu-Jamal's life is spared? Why should we care that he should be set free? It is because he, like Nelson Mandela before him, reminds us of our irreducibility as human beings. He shows us our best self, what we are capable of remaining, under the most oppressive, humiliating, and soul-shattering conditions. Mumia has refused to be reduced. He remains a full human being. Thoughtful, compassionate, intelligent, and fierce," wrote Alice Walker after a visit to Mumia.

Many of those who support Mumia's innocence have had friends or relatives victimized by the justice system. They refuse to let his case, and life, to slip through the cracks.

"This is an innocent man. This could happen to anyone," said Hutchinson. "Mumia didn't expect this to happen to him, but he knew it could, because of what he knew about the system."

This week is Mumia Awareness Week, with international supporters rallying for his freedom.



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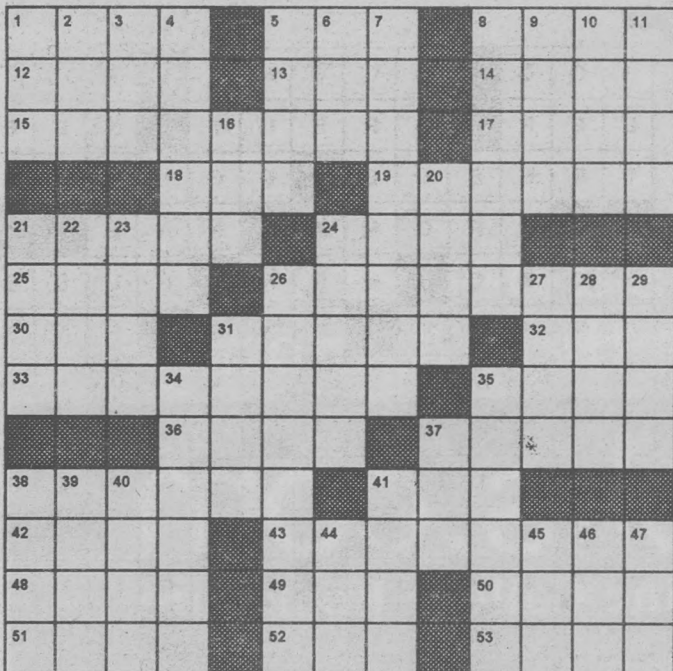
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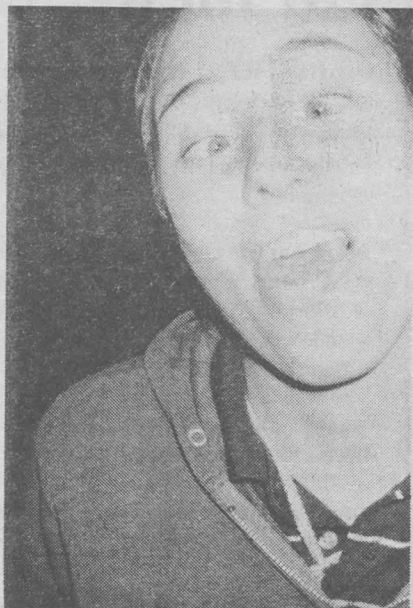
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Question on the Quad

Again, something different, but why not?
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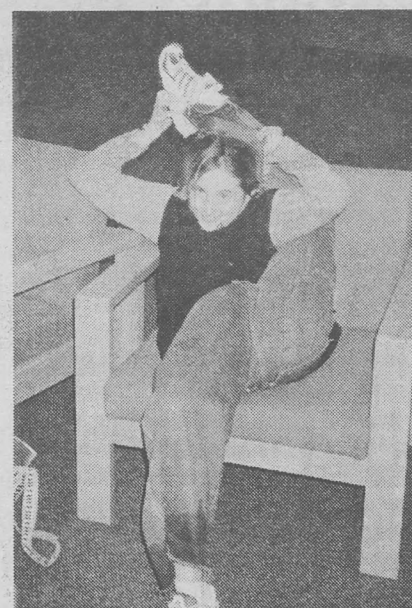
...like this girl whose tongue, turned into a man-sized being shortly after this picture was taken,



and this fellow who climbed a tree to retrieve a tennis ball from a bird's nest and still has not come down.



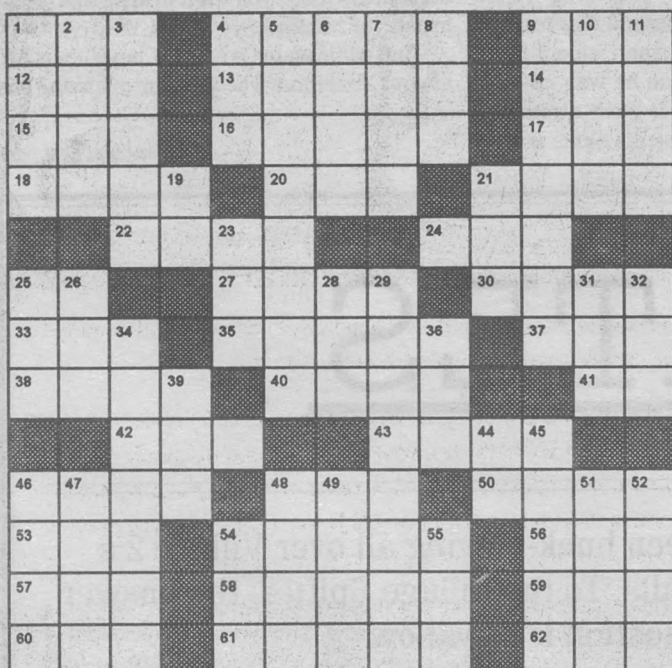
There is also, of course, this man who, having had a very long-term cold, has produced 12% of the cigarettes on campus.



We must also remember this girl who has much trouble removing her shoes.

Reported by Craig Teicher • Photos by Craig Teicher

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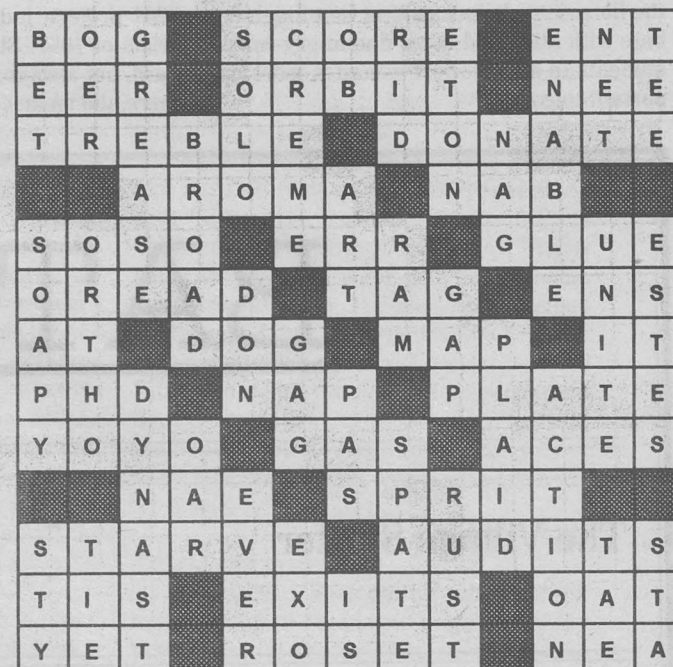
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- 4 Sink
- 9 Knock
- 12 Sick
- 13 Cheer
- 14 Age
- 15 Visualize
- 16 Took out
- 17 Admirer
- 18 Spanish monetary unit
- 20 Resigned (abbr.)
- 21 Liability
- 22 Cut
- 24 Dog
- 25 Article
- 27 Fast
- 30 Cam
- 33 -eer (variety of)
- 35 Flower
- 37 Extravehicular activity (abbr.)
- 38 Sand below water
- 40 Story
- 41 Square of any type size
- 42 Drag
- 43 Ooze

DOWN

- 1 Speech defect
- 2 Toward which the wind blows
- 3 Bless (p.t. form)
- 4 Cot
- 5 One who scares
- 6 Stuff
- 7 A follower (suf., pl.)
- 8 Man's name
- 9 Umpire
- 10 Semitic
- 11 Huff
- 19 N.W. state (abbr.)

Answers to last week's puzzle:



- 21 Dig (p.t.)
- 23 Lupino
- 25 Broadcast
- 26 Born
- 28 7th letter, Greek alphabet
- 29 Message
- 31 Maria
- 32 Male sheep
- 34 Akin
- 36 Dream stage (abbr.)
- 39 Obese
- 44 Not out
- 45 Subject
- 46 Pare
- 47 Erie, e.g.
- 48 Mild oath
- 49 Stab
- 51 Rational
- 52 Rim
- 54 High card
- 55 glance

Sextuplet dorm rooms, \$250 tuition, and lots of men

A decrease in international students at Bates prompts one Vietnamese woman's reflection on cultural diversity

By NGAN DINH
Opinion Writer

There is a total of 41 new international students coming to Bates this year. This is one-third of the original number that Bates has been so proud of.

As an international student, it is hard to believe that I am still alive being away from home- the home that is on the other side of the world. I came to Bates with the very first goal of getting a good education. Bates enticed me at once. (Good job! I am not that east to entice, tough and tasteless, at least that's what the Vietnamese guys say.)

I fell in love with the library first of all. Computers, books, the Internet. Everywhere on campus is wired and informative and educative. After years, especially if you live in America for a long while, all these things become so normal, and you begin to take them for granted.

I bet not many American students are aware of how lucky they are to be born, to be educated in such an environment. If only they knew...

Cross-cultural Reality 101

The tuition fee, room and board of a Vietnamese college or university is about \$250 to \$300 a year at most. Imagine a US dollar in Vietnam can give you a good breakfast, a comfortable lunch, and a full dinner, then you may have some idea of how much a \$250 check means.

The University of Foreign Language in Hanoi is one of the very few universities that have access to the Internet for students' use. In order to get a seat and send a quick e-mail, you have to be in line, and be nice to the librarians, before getting to a tough debate with other red-faced and angry-voiced students to argue whose e-mail is more important to go first.

Books are rare. But what is even rarer are the smiles of the librarians. I must accept that since being at Bates, and since seeing the librarians in Ladd almost everyday, "I love the librarians more than yesterday."

At Bates, students work with reality: the United States Disposal Personal Income in

Not everywhere are students made to work with reality. I, myself, a human being of 19 years in age, had at Bates the very first experience of being in a lab doing something called "U-2 Free Fall Experiment" in Physics 107 last Monday. Though I know so well the cosin of 30 is half the square root of three,

shown in any of those textbooks, which give me the only facts I am supposed to know and remember.

More boyfriends than water

A room the same size as my room, the Bill # 108 (166.5 square feet) is for at least 6 people in Vietnam with three bunk beds and a tiny "path" to move around in the middle. The bed is the only space that belongs to you. You have to study, sleep, or greet your boyfriend there altogether.

Bathroom is a big issue. Water is never enough, and you have to make careful plans of when to take a shower, whether it is a big shower or just a quick one to get wet and feel "showered." whether to wash your clothes (manually) today or save them until next week. The advantage of this saving is that you benefit in the long run.

The common thing everybody does is: when you run out of T-shirts, you look into the load of used clothes, sniff for a while until you are confident enough that "this one still smells good," you take it out, spray it with some perfume if you are a luxurious-class student, and go have a date with your girlfriend.

That happens when the Vietnamese students run out of detergent or water. I wonder how Batesies manage this situation when they are out of quarters, or if the dollar-to-quarter machine in Chase Hall suddenly went dead??

Again, water is a big issue. You have only one cup of water every morning to brush your teeth or drink tea. You cannot do those things together since each one has a certain opportunity cost. If you want to brush your teeth, don't drink tea; if you want to drink tea, don't brush your teeth.

And while water is so rare, boyfriends are always abundant. The problem of having one



*A room in a dorm
University of Navigation, Vietnam*

By Jay Surdukowski

first quarter of 1999; NASA Mars Surveyor 2001 project; Indonesia's politics and debt crisis of 1997. Students are made to work hard, but always ready to join the world out there and make contributions to the society.

without looking at a calculator, I was totally ignorant about Alan Greenspan when I first came to Bates. Not because he was not famous enough or Vietnam is such a remote country, but simply because his name is not

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BATES RATES

The Village Spitter



Somebody has been huck-toeying all over Village 2's stairwells and walls. To the Village Spitter: the answer to that age-old question is "swallow."

Flooding



Bates employees pull up their trousers and wage an all out battle against Pettengill and bookstore floods- and that wasn't just water, folks. It had "texture."

Blood Drive



The Red Cross wants you. But not if you're a gay man with a sex life. And not if you've been to Nepal.

Squirrels



It's booty season for the critters. And these smoothies don't even get the girl squirrels liquored up first.

Editorial

Gender Identity "Disorder"

It may be a newflash to certain homophobic segments of our population, but refusing to wear lipstick is not a mental illness.

Unfortunately, psychiatrists treating Daphne Scholinski from 1981 to 1984 were not willing to admit that her tomboy behavior could be anything other than an unacceptable failure to conform to feminine ideals of a heterosexual society. Scholinski's one million dollar treatment for gender identity disorder led her through a series of diagnoses, including one condemning her to hospitalization for the rest of her life.

"To inspire me they sent over the gorgeous male counselors. That really worked," Scholinski said sarcastically as she—the author of *The Last Time I Wore a Dress*—addressed a packed Chase Hall Thursday night.

Scholinski has survived such traumatizing events as being injected involuntarily with Thorazine, being trapped in an isolation room for a week, and being shamed throughout her adolescence for her sexual differences. Still, Scholinski has transformed her experience of discrimination and abuse into humorous, intelligent, and creative activism through speaking to audiences across the country and in creating poignant and political art.

The suicide rate among gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teenagers is painfully high. The lessons of strength embodied in Daphne Scholinski show paths of dialogue, community, art, and humor that can slowly lead to fulfilling lives for those who have suffered at the hands of homophobes.

Most important is the lesson that a few loving and accepting souls can transform a person's outlook from shame to self-acceptance and pride. During Scholinski's internment on the psych ward, an intern who recognized the patient's personality and normality offered a life-saving bouy to Scholinski's fading hope of ever living a normal life. Scholinski's mom eventually came to understand her daughter's uniqueness and even shipped her daughter a Good Vibrations catalog after Scholinski's coming out at age 19.

Although more and more homosexuals have found safe and blossoming niches in society, there are still foundations of fear, repression, and institutional discrimination throughout the United States. Scholinski notes that she still suffers harassment for entering women's restrooms because of her more masculine features.

The institution which treated Scholinski's gender identity "disorder" now admits patients as young as five years old.

It is our collective responsibility to educate ourselves about the realities of homophobia, to ridicule a society that harasses such sane individuals, and to fight against social practices and stereotypes that make teenagers with what others see as "identity crises" feel diseased.

First female graduate

To the Editor:

I very much appreciated Jennifer Giblin's article about Special Collections in the September 17 issue of *The Bates Student*.

I hope it will encourage others to visit and, even better, to do research in Special Collections. All of our historical materials may be used in the Special Collections Reading Room — open M-F 9am-5pm or by appointment. Also, complete sets of the major Bates publications — the *Student*, *Garnet*, *Alumni Magazine*, President's Reports, the *Mirror*, the *Bulletin* — are housed on the ground floor of the library.

I should point out, however, that the first woman to graduate from Bates was Mary Wheelright Mitchell, class of 1869. From a letter written by Mitchell's daughter: "Three girls entered Bates together, one being, I think, the daughter of President Cheney, but Miss Mitchell was the only one who graduated. Much opposition from both students and some professors was encountered; however, she graduated in 1869, the first woman to

graduate from a college in New England, and one of the first to graduate from a college in the United States." Some of the points made in this letter would have to be verified but it

is true that Mitchell was the first woman to graduate from Bates. Mitchell also

worked in the Lewiston Mills while she was a student at Bates.

Like many early Bates students, Mitchell became a teacher. She taught Greek and Latin at Vassar in 1876-77, and later taught for some time in Concord, MA. where she befriended members of the "Concord Group" — the Emerson's, Alcotts, and others. She

eventually opened a private school in Lakeport, N.H. An article about Wheelright was published in the *Lewiston Sun Journal* in 1940 but there's a lot more to learn about Mitchell — hey! — now there's a topic for a paper!

Thanks again for the great ar-

ticle!

Kurt Kuss
Special Collections Librarian

Letters to the Editor

"Three girls entered Bates together...Miss Mitchell was the only one who graduated. Much opposition from both students and some professors was encountered."

- Miss Mitchell's daughter

Kissing and culture

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roommate now has to be multiplied by six or eight, as everyone in the room has the right to have a boyfriend. This, hmmm...is a headache.

Chicken and fish with a smile

Vietnamese food is great, but the starving poor students who live on campus never think so. Vegetable soup is called "vegetable washing water." Meat is usually slice into thin and tiny pieces, which the dining service has to put a lot of work into in order to help the Dean of Students not to be overloaded with compromising things.

It is a lot of fun to live on campus, because the students learn how to value mum's food, how to share, how to distribute limited resources over unlimited demand, and how to overcome hardship. Therefore, we have another valuable thing to gain from college besides education: growing up in shortage and difficulties.

At Bates, it is a tradition that every person has to make some complaint about the food or the dining hall before graduation. "Is this food?" "Chicken and fish again?"

I have a different, oriental taste for food, so I can not judge objectively which food is good and which is not. But if only I can tell everyone how thankful I am to the people who work in Commons. Responsibility. Wholeheartedness. Hardworking. A lot of sweat, but a lot of smiles. I love the smiling Commons workers more than anything else in Commons.

If I can have any request to the Dining Service, I would say, to add the white board menu outside of Chase Hall, "Dinner tonight: nothing but chicken and fish, with a ton of smiles."

Kisses in public

"Oh my god they are kissing!" I remember one September afternoon last year, when I'd been in America for less than two weeks, seeing (or "discovering" as I thought at that time) two people kissing each other next to Admissions Offices. My mouth was open with a maximum of an "O" and I was totally speechless. Gee, this is Admissions Office, the most important and official gateway to get a 'visa' to Bates, how come you guys are

doing such a thing!?

Vietnamese students, no matter how burning they are for each other, never do that, at least not in front of Admissions, right during the day time. People are not that open, although once you get into college, which is 90% fulfilling your parents' general requirements, your parents would turn the green light on for you to head forward in those issues legally. For some families, it is not allowable for the kids to have boyfriends or girlfriends in high school.

I was scared at first, as I saw lots of kisses and hugs all over on campus, going along with "Hi, how are you?" And I told myself I'm not gonna hug those guys just to say "Thank you, I am fine." But thank god, finally my favorite friend, Justin, in Clason House helped me get out of that "cultural trouble." Simply by being hugged again and again, together with a better understanding of the people and the culture, I feel more comfortable, and gradually know how to respect the way of showing emotions that American people differ from us.

To join, not to mix

After a year, when all the culture shock has gone, when I managed to get out of the hurricane with a better understanding of the school and the people, I now have the confidence to say "I love Bates," not only as a college, but also a home. Ellie, Clason's JA-I would call her The Best JA in the World-is a perfect example of a JA who is always next to you through thick and thin, making Bates more "home-like" than it originally was. Good friends I found at Bates are more than anything else of the college what I value.

Looking at the new international students, I saw the nervousness, the curiosity, the energy, and I saw myself. Hurricane comes and goes. Years after years.

As long as you keep to be yourself amongst others, "to join" but not "to mix," your culture is still in every cell of you. But you learn to respect theirs, as "when in Rome, do as the Romans do." To all my fear international first years, love will be found, and friendship will ever be treasured.

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New coordinator takes realistic approach to housing conflicts

By JOEY WEISS
Staff Writer

Before you can contemplate Kantian respect or spend three hours dissecting a pig, you need to eat and a room to sleep in. In that case Erin Foster, the new housing coordinator and assistant coordinator of student activities, might just have the most important job on campus. Well, have we got an interview for you! It is part of Foster's job to make sure every student has a pad, but she doesn't look at her job in such a material way. Foster's interest in the job lies in the interaction with students the job provides, because "working with students is important to me."

Foster distinguishes between the traditional business world and the diverse opportunities for communication that are present in a college environment like Bates. This helps explain Foster's role not only as housing coordinator but as assistant coordinator of student activities, in which Foster will work directly with the Chase Hall Committee and the planning of senior week.

From Foster's last job at Framingham State College in Massachusetts, she brings to Bates knowledge not only in working with, but also living with students. She was the chief housing coordinator at Framingham State, where she also lived in the school's residence halls, was in charge of judiciary

hearings for the residence halls, and worked in the school's crisis management and on-call program.

What effect will her commitment to the student body have upon her actions as housing coordinator? When asked about the perennial housing problem - disgruntled first-year roommates - she said her solution lies in listening and responding to student and parent complaints about living conditions. Her response seems genuine and realistic, because Foster also expects first-years, and all Bates students, to compromise when faced with rooming problems in the middle of the year when there is little room for change.

Perhaps more importantly, how will such listening translate into action? Foster makes a point of recording all student and parent complaints towards housing, which she can then use to make housing modifications and changes for the following year. From this, the student body can expect responsive housing coordination, which many felt Bates lacked before.

Can student empathy solve all the housing complaints on campus? Obviously, no, and Foster admits to this. While first-years understandably want roommates who augment their personality, Foster explains that first-year roommate surveys match students based on more straightforward matters, such as room temperature and smoking prefer-

ence, because, as Foster says, "How well can you get to know someone on a piece of paper?" The intent of the surveys, however disappointing it may sound, is not to create life-

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long friends, but to avoid matching an asthmatic with a chain smoker.

It seems that some elements of the business world still pervade Foster's job in this case. In part, Foster opts for a business-like approach towards students' complaints of unwillingly being placed in theme houses off of summer placement. Student grievances of this nature often go unaddressed because, as Foster explains, there are only so many

empty rooms, all of which Bates must utilize.

This is not a desirable answer to someone stuck in a theme house. Yet in part the theme house problem occurs because Foster is unwilling to compromise the rights of students to create theme houses and communities within residence halls.

Despite the efforts made by Foster to ensure that theme houses are completely filled by their organizers, usually, Foster explains, empty rooms crop up at the beginning of the year and the college has to fill them. In this sense you can look at the problem as a trade-off between students' rights to form communities versus students' rights not to be forced into communities.

As the last issue shows, Foster is committed to understanding student needs and applying them to her job. It seems likely that students can count on this, for her commitment to students does not seem idealistic but rather is coupled with a realistic expectation of students in the communication process, along with years of real experience with students.

Yet it is also clear that Foster must deal with the more material nature of placing so many types of students in so many rooms, leaving some student complaints addressed, but unchanged. From this, students can look forward to a realistic, but not miraculous improvement in Bates's housing coordination.

This week at the movies

with Scott Baio and Richard Grieco

Remember Star Wars? Remember how everybody went ape shit for two years waiting for the movie and then it sucked. Well this is nothing like that. Nothing. We didn't get really excited and then really disappointed. This was a great movie. Great.

A lot of people don't know this but we are consummate Detroit Tigers fans. We think that baseball's high point was 1984. That names like Kirk Gibson and Cecil Fielder should be sprinkled into every life without abandon.

Intriguingly enough, we are also large fans of Kevin Costner baseball movies. (Who isn't?) Field of Dreams? Bull Durham? Movies like this belong on some kind of register: how movies should be made, or the way they used to be, perhaps.

Which brings us to For the Love of the Game. Amazingly, Universal Studios had to cut ten seconds worth of footage that con-



tained frontal nudity scenes with the mighty Costner himself (little Costner, too). This explains the troop of girl scouts sitting in the row behind us.

In fact, for a retrospective about playing baseball in the heartless nineties, about an aging pitcher and his mistakes with love, this was a terrific movie—what are we saying. Christ, Kevin, you blew it. You had the pitches. Any man, woman, or beast who has

played t-ball could respect that you threw your own pitches for this film. You're the only actor to play this part, but what happened?

Maybe it was the endless stream of flashbacks, one after the next until the tediousness of the situation was enough to make us want to see Inspector Gadget. Maybe it was the soundtrack, which if we're not mistaken was also used for the "Sweet Valley High" television series. Maybe it was the end of the film, Kev, when you cried. Hey, Kev, there's no crying in baseball.

Read the script closer next time, Kev, for the love of the game.

Baio rates: two tender heartfelt flashbacks

Grieco rates: one world series pennant in the last fifteen years.

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CHC scores big with Wyclef concert

By LINDSAY ANN SIMONEAU
Staff Writer

Everyone has been anticipating this year's fall concert at Bates. Wyclef Jean, from the Fugees, will be performing for Bates students and many off-campus visitors Friday night, September 24. His appearance is proving to be popular, with nine hundred ticket sales from Bates alone.

Who is this organization which is providing Bates with this momentous experience? The Chase Hall Committee, or CHC, is responsible for attracting over half of the campus to the tonight's main event. One of their goals is to try to attract as many people as possible to these activities. "We have a big impact on the Bates social life," said Kristen Massimine '00, president of CHC.

The club is responsible for such activities as Winter Carnival, concerts, and various dances and parties. They recently sponsored a hypnotist who came to Bates during the first week of classes.

The club also encourages input from students. As Kristen said, "We are very open to suggestions. She explained that the members of CHC usually bring in the ideas for the various acts. Another one of their goals is to try to hold two big acts during the course of the school year. With one act during the fall and the other during the spring, they hope to draw a large portion of the campus to their events.

Since CHC has been granted a \$20,000 budget increase, they hope to attract bigger and better acts in the future. Last year, CHC suffered some difficulties when Lenny Kravitz was scheduled to appear. The concert was canceled because of unexpectedly slow ticket sales. Left to pay the agent and other tedious costs, CHC suffered some money setbacks. Hoping to avoid the same problem this year, CHC started selling Wyclef

tickets early. This strategy produced good results, selling tickets to more than half the campus.

Kristen emphasized the fact that CHC never makes a profit from these concerts, even with a high number of ticket sales.

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There are many bills to pay such as catering, hospitality, security, lighting, sound, and of course, paying the performer himself. Chase Hall Committee does not want to charge students too much but it is difficult with such a long list of payments.

So how did CHC get Wyclef to perform at Bates? Kristen called it, "a long process." CHC communicates through an agent who helps find different performers who are touring and the dates they are available. After compiling a list of possibilities, CHC decides on an act which will appeal to many on campus. In this case, they made a wise decision choosing Wyclef. Kristen called his music, "a light rap." He has a style which has proven popular among Bates students and we all look forward to seeing him perform his big



Rap artist Wyclef Jean performs tonight at the Gray Cage.

hits "Gone Till November" and his remake of "Stayin' Alive."

Kristen was very ecstatic and contented by the ticket sales. She stressed her happiness in making the Bates social atmosphere

more eventful and pleasant for everyone. CHC has definitely given Bates something to look forward to this evening. The performance is sure to be a success.

Calender of Events

Week of September 24 to September 30

**Friday,
September 24
8:00 pm
Concert: Wyclef Jean
and the Refugee All
Stars
Gray Cage**

**Saturday,
September 25
7:30 pm
Concert: Olodum, 19
member Brazilian band
and dance ensemble
Library Quadrangle**

**8:00 pm
Student Health Link's
2nd annual lip synch
contest
Silo**

**10:00 pm
NYC: Sex in the
Champagne Room
Chase Hall Lounge**

**Tuesday,
September 28
4:30 pm
Lecture: Delle
McCormick, Cuernavaca
Center for Intercultural
Dialogue on
Development,
Cuernavaca, Mexico,
"From Conquest to
Liberation: A Feminist
Lesbian Minister's
Journey Among the Poor
in Mexico"
Skelton Lounge, Chase
Hall**

**7:00 pm
Photographer Lenny
Kohm presents
multimedia slide show
"The Last Great
Wilderness"
Chase Hall Lounge**

**Thursday,
September 30
8:00 pm
Lecture: Ian Hacking,
professor of philosophy
at the University of
Toronto, on the birth of
character
Chase Hall Lounge**

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Top ten reasons to live in Milliken

By KRISTINA BERLIN
Staff Writer

Whoever said girls just wanna have fun probably lived in Milliken at some point during this year, because we girls can do anything, including deal with a less than wholesome lounge and strange smells wafting throughout various areas of the house. The skeptics are right in wondering how it could be that a house formerly occupied by the football team could still be in good working condition. As one pair of Milliken roommates put it, "The bathrooms aren't quite as nice as we expected." It seems most girls were looking forward to a nice clean bathroom as a consolation prize for not getting anywhere near their top four choices in housing. Sadly, they were unmistakably denied.

However, Milliken is not without its strengths. Here are the Top 10 Reasons to Live in Milliken House '99 for your viewing pleasure:

10. The small size of a house is homey.
9. We're all going through the same exact thing being an all first-year, all girl house.
8. It doesn't make that much of a social

impact to live with only girls after the first week or so.

7. Our JAs like to organize trips/use Bates funds and we get to go on nice outings.
6. We respect each other and knock before barging in on everyone.
5. All the boyfriends from home are PSYCHED to hear that their sweeties are living in a guy-free house.
4. The windows are prime locations for yelling stuff at people walking by on the street.
3. There is at least one person in their pjs to laugh at 24 hours a day.
2. We can just roam around in our towels most of the time.
1. The friendly firemen come over to practice fire drills and eat our bacon almost every day!!!!!!

One first floor dweller summed it up nicely, "Something about living in an all girls house really appeals to me." After listening to gripe after gripe about the decrepit ceiling, the lack of people in a house compared to the numbers in a dorm, and the smelly, buggy basement, someone got a bright idea. "Why don't we kick everyone out of Whittier House and make it an all guys house?" This



The all-female Milliken House houses two first-year centers.

Asad Butt photo.

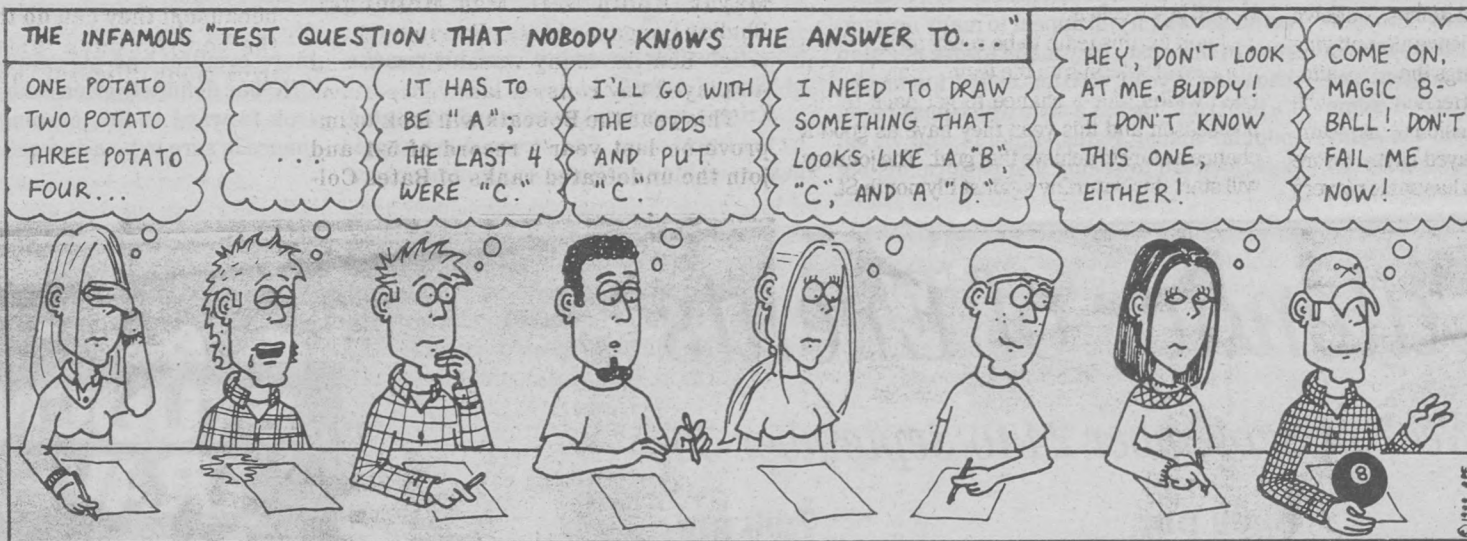
idea was met with housewide approval. After all, fair is fair and we Milliken girls wouldn't mind having the equivalent housing situation for the opposite sex next door. As one third floor girl put it, "Some manly

rowdiness is definitely welcome sometimes!"

And after all, Milliken has the perfect little secret basement for fiestas, if anyone is game for that. Now if we could just get rid of the ghost of Adam in room 14...

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Men's Ruggers look to experience for success

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

A very entertaining sporting event will take place this weekend on the far end of the campus. It's the men's rugby game, where the Bobcats will host Plymouth St. in the opening game of the 1999 season. Expectations are particularly high for this team this year. They return a lot of players and seven of the 15 starters are seniors. This type of team brings back ideas of doing what the team did three years ago, when they not only went to the New England Championships but also went to nationals under head coach Kevin Cullenberg. The last two years they have missed the New England Championships by one game, something they surely want to correct this season.

Without a doubt, the Bobcats will have to earn a trip to postseason. Most likely, one loss will mean that Bates would be left out of postseason. Each of the last two years' losses to Colby kept the team out of postseason. This makes every game really important. As president Chris Morris put it, "We go into each game, taking it as a play-off game, knowing that a loss would mean elimination from postseason competition." The leadership that Morris has will play a huge roll if this team is to go to postseason.

Two other significant contributors will be co-captains Jeff McKown and Tom Rollins. McKown returns with significant experience after playing in London, while McKown brings the same after playing in Australia. Peter Herrick-Stare will highlight another added dimension of this team. Most of the Bobcats never played rugby before coming to Bates, but this team has some players

with experience. Herrick-Stare played all four years in high school.

Other key players for the team will include Davis Hein, who is the center and will control the middle. Hein is comparable to a fullback and a linebacker in football. Senior Eric Potter is the eight-man, and will be a key in loose play, while fellow senior Chris Hurd is a prop and will be especially significant in set pieces.

On the down side, the Bobcats have lost Will Richardson, due a shoulder injury. This injury will surely hurt and leave a big void, as Richardson was a very solid rugby player.

Bates will play a five schedule that includes Plymouth St. this weekend, University of Maine at Farmington, Colby, Bowdoin, and University of Maine at Orono. The 'Cats will get Plymouth St. this Saturday at 1 p.m., and the Beavers are in Lewiston the following Saturday. Parents and Back to Bates Weekend, at 3 p.m. The team then plays Bowdoin and Colby on the road before returning home to play Orono. The Colby game is obviously critical and a win could be a huge step in reaching the postseason.

Morris, on this weekend, added, "Overall, everyone is excited to get going. We had a scrimmage against Bowdoin last weekend, and showed some good building blocks for the season. We just want to improve on some things we didn't do as well last weekend."

Look for this team to be really solid. There are a lot of veterans on the team. They have all been waiting for a chance to get back to the postseason and this year, they have as good a chance as any to achieve that goal. The journey will start this Saturday against Plymouth St.



Men's Rugby prepares for opener vs. Plymouth St.

Asad Butt photo

Women's Ruggers say depth is strong suit

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

The women's rugby team will also get into action this weekend, as they will travel to up to Orono to take the University of Maine at Orono. They expect nothing less than a win, being that they beat this team 41-15 last year. This is another Bobcat team that expectations are running high for the upcoming fall season.

The 'Cats will look to take it to three different teams during their six game schedule, which features home and homes against Colby, Bowdoin, and Orono. This schedule should provide some quite competitive competition for the Bobcats.

Despite the loss of many seniors due to last year's graduation, expectations are still high. This is especially apparent after a scrimmage last weekend, in which the team played Bowdoin twice and UMO. The Bobcats defeated all three, hopefully paving the way for what could be a promising weekend. Some of the key losses will be players like Sara Mayer, Robin Neil, Meg McDougal, Shelley Langasa, Ashley Farrington, and Paige Benito. Many were officers, and all played key rolls on last years' team.

This year the Bobcats will look to improve on last year's record of 5-1 and join the undefeated ranks of Bates Col-

lege. They still have a host of good players, and will look to really come together as a team on the field and support each other to achieve success this season.

Bates will be coached by Chris Hospidales. The captains are Lauren Nichols and Michele Gross. Nichols is the scrum captain, while Gross is the line captain. Gross at the fullback position, should be a very good kicker for this team. President Becca Legiero could be one of the players who will be a significant scorer on this team.

Mollie Chamberlain will be another key player, as she scrum half and needs to establish communication between the scrum and the half. She played in each game last weekend.

Co-captain Michele Gross said, "We have a lot of returning veterans and a lot of talent with all the other players." Gross added, "The key is going to be communication."

This is a team that will get contributions from many different sources. If they are able to stay focused, both mentally and physically, and come together as a team they should be successful. Coming together will be the key part because if they can do this, they can get the contributions that they will need from many different sources.



Women's Rugby prepares to knock off UMO, again.

Asad Butt photo

Men's Golf takes their second sixth of season

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

The men's golf team had another mediocre performance last weekend, finishing sixth at the Bowdoin Invitational in Brunswick. It was another solid weekend, not too good but not too bad. The Bobcats finished in a sixth place tie with the Tufts Jumbos. Head Coach Al Brown has coached the Bobcats to sixth place finishes in both tournaments they have played in this year. They were certainly looking to move up last weekend at Bowdoin, but it didn't happen. No player was able to break 80 through out the entire tournament, which kept the Bobcats from catching a few of the teams ahead of them.

As Dan Snow put it, "I thought the course played tough. We hit the ball

well, but the conditions and course playing tough kept the scores high. Other teams suffered from the course as well."

Ahead of the Bobcats were UMF, who won the tournament, with a score of 641. The second place team, Husson, was able to only shoot a 670, 29 strokes behind the first-place Beavers. Two NESCAC teams, none other than Colby and Bowdoin, finished in the third and fourth spots, respectively. Right ahead of Bates was USM, seven strokes ahead of the Bobcats, who shot a combined total of 701. After the Jumbos, who also shot 701, was Thomas, St. Joes, M.I.T., the white Bowdoin team, and Maine Maritime.

The men's golf team was pretty much even throughout both days, shooting one day better on day one than day two. The Bobcats were led by captain Nick

Brunero, who shot a opening day 91, before rallying on day two to shoot 82. The #2 player, Dan Snow, did pretty much the opposite, shooting a opening round 85, before adding on five in the final round.

Jeff Berg and Forgan McIntosh played neck and neck with each other. Berg shot a tourney total 177, just one better than McIntosh who finished with a 178. Both shot opening day 87's but were unable to break 90 on the second day. Sam Lively finished with a 183, golfing a 94 on the first day in Brunswick before rebounding to shoot 89 on day two.

Bates will now take part in the Maine State Tournament, which is most likely being finished up as your reading this. The Bobcats will get underway at 10 a.m. at the Riverdale Golf Course in

Maine. The tournament will feature just about every team in the state. The team will be looking to take it to the next level and into the top half of the final standings. There are a few things that the 'Cats will have to do to do this. Dan Snow said, "We have to stay composed and wait for our opportunities. We can't force it and we just need to wait for the opportunities to come, and then take advantage of them."

Go Bobcats

Field Hockey feels tough schedule

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

The field hockey team dropped to 0-2 on the season last Saturday with their 4-1 loss to national defending champion Middlebury. Middlebury, in their home opener, improved to 2-0 on the season. The Bobcats are continuing to work their way through a very tough schedule, and have played well against some excellent teams so far. Things will not get much tougher than they did last weekend. However, it won't get much easier either, as the 'Cats get last year's national semifinalist, Trinity, on Saturday at Bates. That game will be game one of a two game homestand, which concludes on Sunday with Keene State.

Needless to say, last weekend was a very difficult task, in trying to defeat the Panthers on their home turf. This was a game, though, that the Bobcats were in for a very long time. Co-captain Elizabeth Hawthorne said, "[The Middlebury game] was frustrating and disappointing because we knew that we were the better team, yet we still lost."

The Bobcats actually outplayed the Panthers but suffered another lapse after they scored which was very costly. As Head Coach Wynn Hohlt put it, "We did a lot of things on the field better than we did against Bowdoin, but we lost the intensity after scoring our goal, which led to their goals."

The first half was played to a scoreless tie, as neither goalkeeper let one by. Peggy Ficks, in net, for Bates had 10 saves in all, while Becca Randall tallied 16 for the Panthers.

Once the second half began, however, the goals began to come fast and furiously. Bates would strike first as Leslie Moser scored unas-

sisted, beating Randall through a crowd. Moser struck with just under two minutes gone in the second half.

After this goal, it seemed that Middlebury got the hint that the Bobcats were there to stay and really picked up their level of play. The Panthers would tally four goals in the second half, with three of them coming over a period of just more than three minutes. Jessa Martin scored first

"The key is we need to play and we need to play for 70 minutes, no matter what's going on around us."

- Wynn Hohlt

for the home team, with 28:50 remaining in the contest. Jacquil Phillips followed Martin, and scored when the latter found Phillips on a pass for the second Middlebury goal. This gave the Panthers the lead at the 26:08 mark and put them ahead to stay.

The third and fourth goals were scored by Johnson of Middlebury. She struck for the first one with 25:40 on the clock. This ended the three minute period of domination by the Panthers, when they, in reality, won the game. Johnson scored again with 14:16 remaining in the game, to close out the scoring. On the afternoon, the Panthers outshot Bates 17-13.

Still, this was an even game for quite a long

time, and give the 'Cats a lot of credit for playing the defending national champions tough, deep into the second half and on the road. Bates even had a lead with 29 minutes remaining, so this was very much a game that they were in. This is a team that has a really difficult schedule. Hawthorne added that the Bobcats may be hurt mentally by the tough schedule, saying, "We recognize that the first four games are real tough games. I don't think it makes us more nervous, but rather more excited. It may hurt mentally because Bates Field hockey is not supposed to beat these teams." As people pointed out in the preseason, seven of their 14 games will be played against ranked opponents. This means that the youthful Bobcats didn't have any time to get into the swing of things, and they haven't taken much time to get into the swing of things, making good showings against Bowdoin and Middlebury, but coming away with tough losses because they have outplayed both opponents.

This team should continue to improve as the season goes on, and the strong first-year crop gains more experience. Now they face Trinity at 11 a.m. tomorrow at home. This is a real good Trinity team, and based on the Bobcats past two performances, it should be an entertaining game. It's a huge game according to Hawthorne, who hopes that the team can begin to turn the season around on Saturday. Hohlt added, "The key is we need to play and we need to play for 70 minutes, no matter what's going on around us." An outstanding first-year defender, Biff Mooreshead, broke her finger in the Middlebury game and is questionable for Saturday. Also, Ginny Hurley, one of the returning leading scorers, will be back after missing the Middlebury game with back spasms. Bates will get another good team in Keene St. at home at 2 p.m., Sunday

Bender leaves; this time the right decision

By BILLY HART
Staff Writer

I hope Jonathan Bender is not second-guessing his decision to bypass college and enter the National Basketball Association. I hope he has ignored the critics who labeled him immature, who maintained he jeopardized his future, who proclaimed he was a negative influence on children, all because he signed a multi million-dollar contract. Education may be the key to prosperity for most individuals, but a 6'9 forward with the ability of Jonathan Bender is not typical.

College is a time for maturing, a period for children to live away from home and to make decisions on their own. Do not let Bender's innocent face fool you, he is mature beyond his years. While most grammar school children were gearing up for intense kickball competitions Bender was honing his basketball skills against players twice his age. While his high school buddies spent their summers on the beach Bender toured the world on all-star teams, living out of a suitcase. For Bender, after surviving the tumultuous world of AAU basketball, where everyone and their mother tries to take advantage of you, life in the NBA will seem simple.

The college classroom provides an environment for students to procure the skills needed for their future professions. The only employment Bender knows is basketball and while Introduction to Poetry may be an intriguing class, it will not aid Bender when he is battling Karl Malone in the paint. If Bender had attended college it would not have been for the academics, it would have been for the basketball.

Major college programs may claim to provide its athletes with superior educations, but honestly, how much academic work does a team accomplish during March Madness, or on the pre-season tournaments in Hawaii and Puerto Rico. If Bender had attended college he would have done just enough work to remain eligible for basketball, and after a year or two he would have left anyway. Bender's entry into the NBA opens up a spot for another student to attend college and put the education to use.

Bender was raised in rural Mississippi and neither his family, nor his community have ever been financially secure. Given a precious opportunity to provide for the people he cares about, how could he pass that up? Bender's decision was not one based on greed; it was simply the right thing to do. So what if he fails in the NBA, if the Pacers give up on him and he becomes just another has been. Bender would still have made more money than most people will ever realize, he would have provided for the people he cares about and he would still have the opportunity to return to school. Rest assured Mr. Bender, you made the right decision.

Batesies show skills in local crew race

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

Bates was represented in the Head of the Androscoggin Race this year by two competitors. The first is Jessie Laflamme, a member of the men's crew team, while the second is an assistant coach on the women's crew team, Sandra Dubary.

The race features rowers from all over New England, with most coming from Maine. However, races will come from as far as Canada for the Head of the Androscoggin Race, sponsored by the Maine Racing Association. Rowers race in a scull boat which is a one man boat, making the race individual.

Both Laflamme and Dubary had very good finishes. Laflamme took a second, while Dubary took a third in the women's race.

Women's Tennis on opposite ends of spectrum

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

The women's tennis team played two matches last week and came out on completely different ends in both of them. On Saturday, they played Middlebury and quickly found out that repeating the feats of the past few years was not going to be easy. The team dropped a 9-0 decision to the Panthers of Middlebury in the opening match of the year. This was a tough defeat to suffer early because it wasn't even close. The Bobcats responded well on Wednesday, defeating the University of Southern Maine Huskies by the same score. The team now stands at 1-1 going into this weekend's match with a good Connecticut College team.

Bates simply did not have it against a very good Middlebury team, in Vermont. The Panthers dominated every facet of the match, and the Bobcats were not able to take a set all afternoon. At the first two positions, Suzanne Daly and Jenn Russo took two and one games, respectively from their Middlebury counterparts, Heidi Robinson at one and Hilary Johnson at two. Daly and Russo fared no better at doubles, losing 8-0.

Sophomore Mary Dorman came the closest to taking a set as she dropped the opener 6-4 before falling more easily in the second set, 6-1 to Kyle Whealy. Dorman combined with Talbot Randall at #3 doubles and lost 8-2. Laura Libby dropped Crystal Arpei 6-1, 6-2 at the number four position.

Senior, co-captain Janice Michaels and first-year starter Randall were each able to take three games at #5 and #6, respectively. These losses came at the hands of Katie Angelo and Linda Capwell of Middlebury. Michaels and first-year doubles player Katherine Murray also dropped their doubles match by a score of 8-2.

The 'Cats rebounded real quickly though, as the results against USM were completely different from the scores against Middlebury. Daly and

Russo turned the tables, both winning in straight sets. Daly knocked off Suzanne DeGolian 6-1, 6-4, while Russo defeated Kim Vincent 6-2, 6-1. Daly and Russo were also winners in doubles, dropping only two games.

As Daly put it, "I think it was great. Just in the way we came back it will help a lot, coming off the tough loss to Middlebury. It helped a lot to have our coach back. We felt a lot more organized and unified out there."

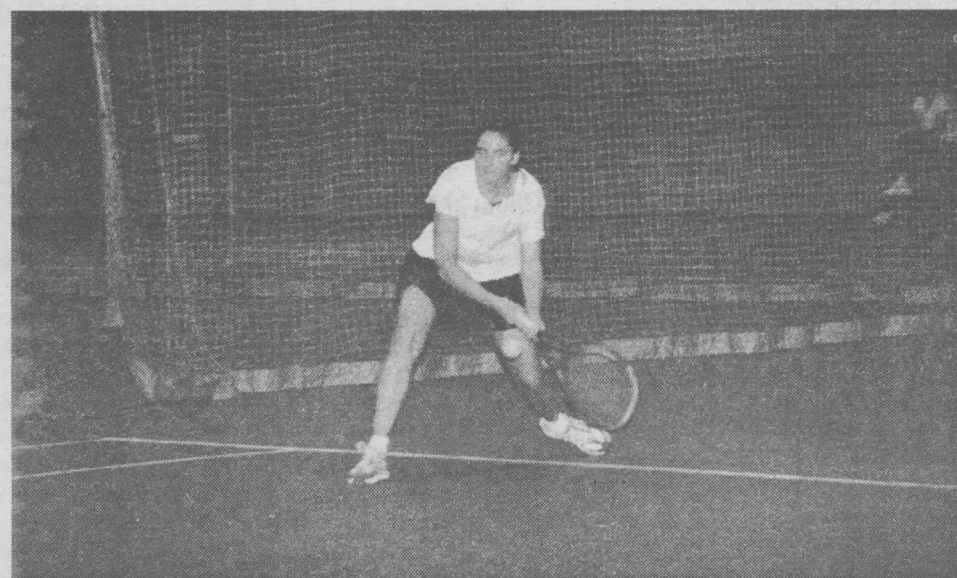
Mary Dorman and Crystal Arpei followed suit at the next two positions. Dorman defeated Erin O'Brien 6-2, 6-4 and Arpei beat Sara Goodine 6-1, 6-3. Dorman also combined with Talbot Randall for a 8-1 win in #3 doubles.

Janice Michaels made it five straight in singles, defeating Julie Castner 6-1, 6-2. Randall, at #6, was the only Bobcat to drop a set all afternoon. However, after dropping the second,

she knocked off Meghan Rutherford in the third and final set.

It is hard to tell where this team is because of the lopsided results this past week. The match against Connecticut College, this Saturday at 11 a.m. will tell a lot. It's a quality opponent, and Bates gets them at home. Coach John Illig will have to have the team ready if they are going to win this weekend. Daly added, "That match will definitely be a good decider on where we stand. It's tough to predict when we lost big to Middlebury, and then won big against USM. (The Connecticut College Match) will be a good predictor of how we'll do the rest of the season."

Things are encouraging because of the win against USM, but the Bobcats will now have to do it against a higher quality opponent, in Connecticut College. This weekend could definitely mark one of the turning points of the season.



Crystal Arpei returns shot in Bobcats win over USM.

Asad Butt photo

Bobcat Football gears up for opener View from the cheap seats

By BILLY HART
Staff Writer

The Bates College football team ended its preseason in style beating NESCAC rival Trinity in a scrimmage this past weekend, but the real test comes Saturday when Amherst College visits Garcelon field. "We played well against Trinity" said Co-Captain Frost Hubbard, "but Amherst is going to be much better." With a grueling first half of the season, which includes a trip to William's, this game becomes a must win for the Bobcats if they hope to be competitive in the league.

Amherst finished near the top of the NESCAC a year ago, but many key position players from that squad have graduated. "If I had to point to a weakness I would say it is their lack of experience in certain positions," said Bates head coach Mark Harriman. Despite inexperience the Lord Jeff's feature a talented group of underclassmen including speedy receiver Derrell Wright and the NESCAC's Defensive Rookie of the Year Dan Lalli. "They have the type of program that reloads each year," said Quarterback Matt Bazirgan, "so we expect them to be talented."

The Bobcats feature a lineup dominated by seniors who understand the effort needed to be successful against Amherst. "We have to come out and hit them early and score early," said

Bazirgan, "with that kind of momentum at home, it will be tough for them to come back." The Bates offense, which features Running Back Ryan Jarvis and the deadly combination of Bazirgan and Receiver Jason Coulie, certainly has the ability to put points on the board. "This is our fourth year together," said Coulie, "and it shows. Defensively Hubbard and crew will have to deal with the Lord Jeff's mammoth offensive line, "we must stop the run," said Hubbard. Ultimately the game could come down to the secondary and its ability to keep the ball out of Wright's hands.

Last year's game was tight and nothing different is expected this year. "In order to win on Saturday we must be prepared to play a total game," said Coach Harriman, "we need to be ready to play 60 minutes of intense football."

Prediction:

College football returns to Bates and the campus has reason to celebrate. Bates offense strikes early and the defense holds tough to preserve the win. First Wyclef then a Bates football victory, this will be a weekend to remember. Score: Bates 17 Amherst 10



Bobcats prepare for opener against Lord Jeffs, less than 24 hours away.

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Our predictions:

Each week, each staff writer will make their predictions on the game, and we will keep records.

Mike- Bates 23 Amherst 20

The Bobcats will win if they can contain the Amherst aerial attack.

Evan- Amherst 24 Bates 20

What a famous rivalry. The opponents will eat each other alive. Unfortunately Bates will come up short (not to be pessimistic but Amherst has a little more talent)

Paul- Amherst 17 Bates 13

The Bobcats come up just short when Derell Wright catches a late touchdown pass. It will be a great game, with Bates leading for most of the game. However, Amherst squeaks by in the end.



Bates hopes to boot Amherst out of Lewiston.

Asad Butt photo

By DAVE RICHTER
Sports Columnist

Well for my first column of the year I was thinking about changing things up and actually doing some research and preparation for my columns. Who knows maybe even an interview or something. I had even planned one out with star free safety Patrick Collins. This was gonna be Pulitzer Prize winning stuff, not to mention utterly hilarious (as usual). We were going to delve into a range of topics such as: What kind of stupid name is Lord Jeff for a football team? How big a fluke it was that Patty and I were barely defeated by Shane Delaney and Jason Pinkham in golf last year, and oh yeah, probably some football in there too. All in all I spent a good bit of time preparing this interview, and then obtaining a tape recorder from King of All Media Paul Zinn. I was all set to go and talk with Patty when I came to the realization that I never actually scheduled this interview. After spending countless hours trying to track the kid down I just decided to hell with it.

Still I don't think that the football team should lose the attention it deserves. Especially on the brink of what many feel might be a break through season. People sometimes don't recognize that from the moment they got here these guys have been in some sort of practice almost every free moment they have.

I usually complain if a professor actually tries to get away with using an 8 o'clock hour. These guys are lucky enough to wake up at 6 for 7 o'clock lifting sessions several times a week. I only learned about these early morning practices just a few weeks ago under less than ideal circumstances. On my first night back I thought it would be a good idea to say high to some of my friends who lived just next door in Pierce House. What my drunk ass didn't realize was that it was about 1 AM and there weren't any lights on in the house. I went up to Keith Anthony and Tim Price's room, and surprisingly they weren't very happy to see me. The next day they told me of the early morning practices, and under threats of a severe beating made me a promise never to do that again. The point I'm trying to make is that these guys are killing themselves each day, and I think they deserve a lot of credit.

Looking ahead to this Saturday there does seem to be a bit more of a sense of hope than there usually is against an opponent such as Amherst. The Lord Jeff's (whatever the heck kind of mascot that is) have lost a lot of starters to graduation, whereas Bates returns almost everybody. Also last season at Amherst the Bobcats stayed in the game, and kept it close despite losing quarterback Matt Bazirgan and running back Paul Erickson early on. The defense only gave up 14 points in that game, as the Bobcats lost by a score of 21-0. Look for more offense this time around as well as another solid defensive effort that will hopefully result in a close match-up.

No matter what happens in this game there is a lot to look ahead to this season. With a strong recruiting class, and a very solid core of upper-classmen nobody plans on seeing another winless or single-win season which Bates has unfortunately allowed to become the norm. Guys I have talked to have felt there is enough right now to win as many as four games this year. That would be the best this team has done in over 15 years. With the possible exception of those football mercenaries over at Williams, this team is going to go into every game with a solid shot at winning. This is a new era of Bates football, and I know I for one am looking forward to watching them. Perhaps next week we can find out what Patty Collins has to say on the matter. That and also how he feels about Matt Meyers leaving a superstar player like Lenny Webster and Shirl Penney off his All-Century team.

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Men's Soccer splits decisions again

Plays nationally recognized Middlebury to overtime

By Mike Jensen
Staff Writer

A revitalized Men's Soccer team took to the fields this week against Middlebury College on Saturday and St. Joseph's College on Thursday. Building off a 1-0 win in double overtime against UMF, the Bobcats kept the ball rolling into this week.

Bates knew that they would be in for a fight when they took on nationally ranked Middlebury. Claiming the number 12 spot in the NCSAA rankings, perennial powerhouse Middlebury came off its fifth straight season of reaching the NCAA tournament.

The Panthers took an early 2-0 lead in the first half with goals coming in the sixth and the twenty-sixth minutes. From that point on, the game belonged to the Bobcats. In the forty-first minute of the first half, first-year Brian Luoma cut the lead in half, scoring off an assist by first-year teammate Nick MacInnis.

The second half of the game was nearly dead even, until once again, Brian Luoma displayed his last-minute magic. With 17 seconds to go in regulation time, Luoma tied the game, converting a rebound from a near

miss by captain Andy Apstein. Last week, Luoma scored the game-winning goal with less than a minute to go in double overtime against UMF. That gave the Bobcats a 1-0 victory. The Middlebury game ultimately went to two overtimes when the Panthers spoiled Bates chance at an underdog victory.

Even though this was an unfortunate loss, the Bobcats once again proved that they could compete with one of the best teams in the country. "We were initially disappointed by the loss, but there are some good things that came out of the game. We came back from 2-0 down and we know that the game could have gone either way," commented Apstein. After the game senior tri-captain Justin Wang also added, "We have nothing to be disappointed in terms of how we played. Everyone stepped up their level of play and it's only going to get better from this point on."

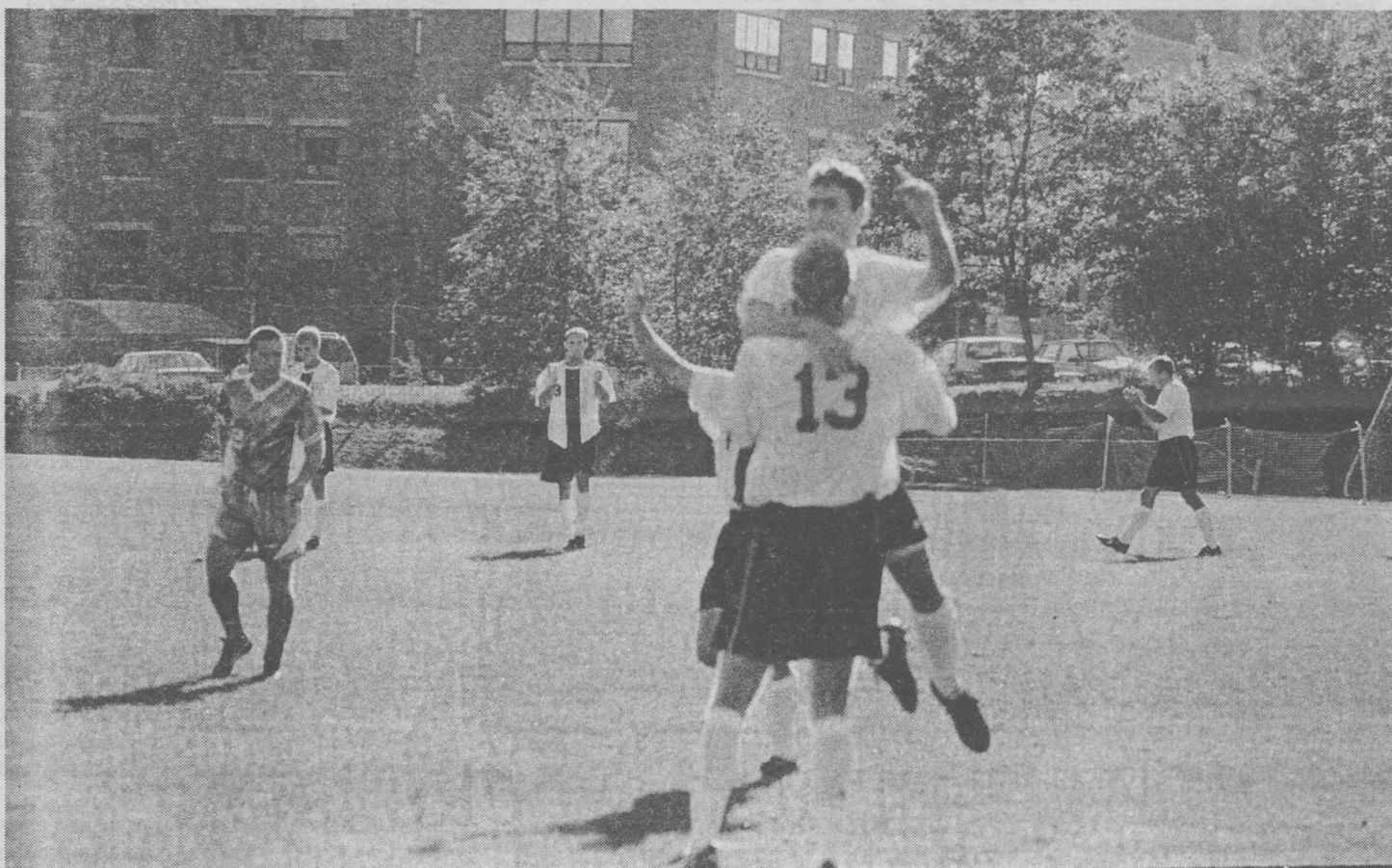
Carrying the momentum into Thursday's game, Bates took on the Monks of St. Joseph's College. Coming into the game, Bates and St. Joe's had only met three times in the past decade with Bates having won all three games by a combined score of 17-2. Make that 20-2 after Thursday's game. Not

even the St. Joe's NAIA Division II All-American goalkeeper could handle the Bobcats attack.

Chris Sporic scored the Bobcats first goal off of an assist by Brian Luoma in the twentieth minute of the game and never looked back. Bates scored again late in the second half when Luoma scored off of a feed from Andy Apstein. Bates then solidified their lead minutes later when freshman defender Jeff Critchlow scored his first career goal off of a Sporic corner kick. The combination of Dan Spector and Emlen Harmon in goal provided the Bobcats with their second shutout of the season.

"The team is slowly coming together and we will definitely keep improving as the season progresses," said Apstein. Bates unquestionably dominated throughout the game, outshooting the Monks 21-8 and earning fourteen more corner kicks (15-1) to boot. Not only did the Bobcats outplay St. Joe's, but they also showed that they could finish, and capitalize on plays when their opponent's defense broke down.

The team is now 2-2 for the season. The Bobcats next face nationally ranked Plymouth State College on September 29.



Chris Sporic and Brian Luoma celebrate a Bates goal. The Bobcats won 3-0.

Asad Butt photo

Men's CC splits meet with NCAA powerhouses

By Evan Major
Staff Writer

Last weekend the Bates Men's Cross Country team took a trip down to Leeds, ME, specifically the Springfield Golf Course, a challenging and hilly course. During this short trip, they only had one thing in mind—destroy the opposition. In this case, the opposition included two formidable teams in Tufts and MIT, ranked 12th and 21st, by the coaches poll. Bates, ranked at number 19, was looking to move from an in-between position into 11th or even the top ten. At the start of the race, it looked as if Bates had solid chance of putting their words into action. They have many solid runners, who, as they proved in the preceding IMPI meet, are able strong and convincing competitors.

Awaiting the start of the race, many were testing out the course to get a feel for the terrain and the overwhelming drops and climbs. Minutes later, things got off to a start as the three cross country leviathans lined up across from each other and, after the

sound of the pistol, began speeding ahead with vicious determination. The Bates senior captain, Danahy, set the pace for everyone as he strode ahead of all three teams. After about the 2 mile mark, all Bates fans watched with awe from the sidelines as Danahy took a commanding lead of his pack—MIT's Dan Feldman and Tuft's Matt Lyons. 34 seconds behind, these two had a slim chance of catching the great captain. Following close behind was Matt Twiest in 4th place, earning big points for Bates. Several minutes later, seniors John McGrath and Brendan Hahesy, stole 7th and 12th places, respectively. To close out the scoring, senior Steve Dutton took 18th place at 29:06. Overall, the Bobcats seemed as if they had once again secured another victory. However, after the final runner came through, the tally was just in favor of MIT. With a huge pack placing in the top twenty, MIT left with a 1 point win over Bates with 40 points. Bates had 41, and Tufts 43.

On the meet Fereshetian said, "We were very pleased with how we did, but by no

means are we satisfied. We can and will do much better as the year progresses. That was our first meet where everyone that was able competed. Tufts and M.I.T. both had full outings prior to this meet. We are working hard to improve our team spread. I think over the next few weeks we will see a big difference."

As everyone expected, the competition was tight, and the results were extremely close. What a thrilling 5 mile spectacle this was in light of such expectations. Senior Emory Ward commented, "I felt a real sense of team and support among the team." Throughout the race, apart from Danahy blowing the competition away, the packs of runners included at least one person from each team. It looked like there was individual rivalry as well as collective. The strain and adversity that such a course exerted upon all three teams could be seen in facial expressions and physical exhaustion. Five miles of hills, spills, and thrills had an effect on everyone. I know I loved it, and I am sure all the fans were very impressed.

Women's Cross Country

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Parker at 20:08. These two appear to be developing into a great pair of runners that will push each other to new heights over the course of the season.

Leah Drew finished third for Bates and fourth overall. Drew is a first-year and was running in her first collegiate race. Needless to say she had a great first race, finishing with a time of 20:27.

This is where things got interesting. This was certainly a real close race with the Bobcats just hanging on. Elizabeth Barney, Erin Lyman, and Jessica Gray took the next three spots in the race. All were running for the Polar Bears, which put Bowdoin just one runner away from defeating the 'Cats. However, this was where Bates would step it up.

Bobcat runners would finish in the next three spots, securing the win for Bates. Kate Kenoyer finished eighth overall and fourth for Bates, with a time of 21:01. Kenoyer was paired with Kate Burakowski who finished just one second behind Kenoyer. This secured the win for Bates, and the lead in the CBB Championships. Finishing behind Burakowski was Jessica Young with time of 21:10. Young overtook her Bowdoin counterpart, Kate Waller, just 50 yards from the finish line.

Bates had a host of other people who ran and finished the race, just to give an idea of the depth this team has. Court has said that this was a big meet and that things would be quite apparent by the end of September about how good this team is. If the past two weekends have been any indication the Bobcats are headed for a great season. They just knocked off a tough Polar Bear squad in enemy territory, continuing the undefeated season.

Things will not get any easier though. The Bobcats will now head to Tufts to compete in the Codfish Bowl. Parker added, "It will definitely be tougher competition. But our confidence is up, and we can compete."

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This weekend's athletic events:

Women's Tennis vs. Connecticut College, Sat. at 11 a.m.

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Football vs. Amherst, Sat. at 1 p.m.

Men's Rugby vs. Plymouth St., Sat. at 1 p.m.

Field Hockey vs. Keene St., Sun. at 2 p.m.

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Men's Tennis dominates in opening tournament

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

If last weekend was any sign of what this year's men's tennis team can do, it is going to be a real exciting year. This team had an extremely good performance this weekend at the Middlebury Invitational in Vermont. The Bobcats are finally healthy in almost every area, and they are a real strong team when healthy, which they showed last weekend.

All of the pieces finally fell into place for the Bobcats during the two day tournament. Head Coach Paul Gastonguay showed what his teams are capable of doing last weekend. In past years his teams have had a host of problems, that never really allowed them to be in top form during the season. There were injuries, there were key losses for other reasons, along with a host of other things. Things finally went right last weekend for this team, and the results were stunning. Gastonguay was finally able to put his top team on the court, and the Bobcats simply dominated a tough tournament.

As Gastonguay put it, "Everyone came back ready and fit. The veterans came back stronger than ever, knowing that there was a real strong incoming class. This really raised the level of the team and forced the first-years to step it up." He added, "After a couple of years the mindsets, the shot combinations, and the strategies have really come together."

In the first flight, for #1 and #2 singles players, the #1 seed Dimitri Kudrjartsev and Robby Ruttman played in the final.

That's right, the Bobcats had both players in the finals, making it an all Bates final. This matched proved to be everything it was made out to be, with Ruttman winning in exciting fashion. Ruttman defeated Kudrjartsev 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. He did this after having already won two other three setters to get into the final.

On the team's result, Ruttman added, "It's an indication that we have the potential to go places this year."

In the next flight, Junior Greg Norton supplied the heroics for the 'Cats. Norton basically bulldozed his way through the draw, not losing a set. In the final he went up against Berger from the College of New Jersey, the #17 team in the country. Norton dropped a game a piece in each set, winning in easy fashion against a real solid player. Chris Danforth suffered from a tough draw, getting Berger in the first round of the tourney and dropping the match in straight sets.

The Bobcats didn't get the same exceptional results in the third flight for #5 and #6 players, but the team still got a good result from Dave Carlson. Carlson went to the semifinals, before bowing out against Bowdoin. Carlson will certainly get more shots at August Felker, who plays just down Rte. 196 at Bowdoin. Ben Lamanna was also knocked off by a Polar Bear, this one by the name of Maclean. Again, many chances for revenge await for both Carlson and Lamanna.

Carlson added, "It's really good because we've been working for years, and to have the good results, it finally shows that the work is paying off."

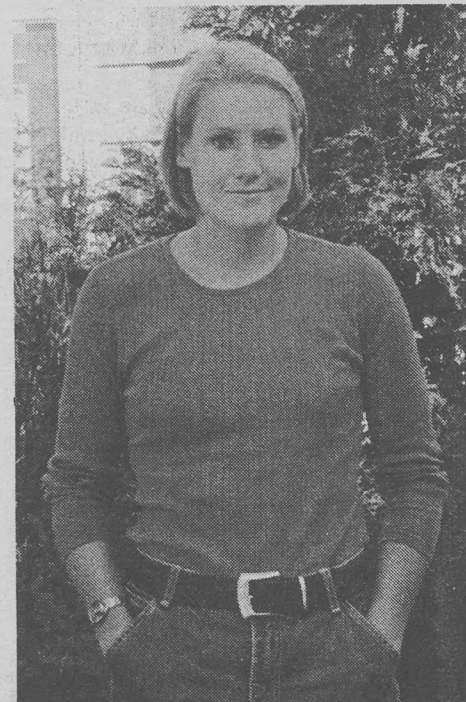
The results were also solid in doubles. In the first draw, Ruttman and Norton dropped an 8-4 decision to the College of New Jersey. The #2 team of Danforth and Carlson also dropped out due to the College of New Jersey. The success came at #3 where the team of Lamanna and first-year Alex MacDonald, getting his first collegiate action, won the tourney, defeating the College of New Jersey in the final, 8-6.

In short, the results were astounding. This was a real big tournament with a lot of solid teams, and six flights in total. The Bobcats won three of them, which is pretty impressive. There will be no way to fully gage this team until the spring, when they start competing in dual matches, for a shot at regionals. However, things should get real interesting then because if this weekend was a prophecy, this team is going to be one of the better teams in the NESCAC.

Another interesting fact are the matchups this team had with the College of New Jersey, a nationally ranked team. In each of the six flights, a Bobcats faced a player from the school. Bates took two out of three in singles, with the opposite happening in doubles. That means they held their own against a nationally recognized team, which is a feat in itself.

The Bobcats travel to New Jersey this weekend for the ECAC Invitational. This is a very tough tournament, and it will be another really good test to see exactly where this team is. The team will be without Robby Ruttman, their #1, which will hurt. Dimitri Kudrjartsev will be looking to defend his semifinal finish of last year.

Bobcat of the Week



Kate O'Malley

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Kate O'Malley had two assists and a goal in a 2-0 weekend for the women's soccer team. The goal gave O'Malley her 100th career point. She became only the second player in Bates women's soccer history to achieve this feat. The last assist, against Middlebury, leaves her just 14 points short of topping the point list. O'Malley is also just six goals short of being at the head of that list two.

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Volleyball dominates tourney; moves up to #3 in region

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

The volleyball team continued their winning ways last weekend, with a dominating 3-0 record. The team hosted the Bates Round Robin over the past weekend and improved to 6-2 on the year. The round robin tourney was basically owned by the host team, who had three victories. Bates also jumped up to #3 in the region because of their victories.

The Bobcats cruised in their own tournament, which included Colby, Gordon, and St. Michaels. Bates was very impressive in this tournament, with tri-captains Kate Hagstrom and Amanda Colby putting up some impressive numbers. Both also made the all-tournament team, and Hagstrom was named the M.V.P. No doubt this team has recovered from the 2-2 opening weekend and are well on their way to the season everyone has anticipated.

In the tournament opener, Bates defeated the White Mules of Colby easily. The Bobcats won the Friday night match without dropping a set. In fact, Colby would score no more than five points in any of the games. This improved the 'Cats to 4-2 and dropped the White Mules to 1-1.

On Saturday, the team picked up right where they left off, knocking off Gordon in straight sets. It was another easy win, with Bates dropping three points in the first and third sets. The closest Gordon came was the nine points they had in the second game.



Volleyball defeats competition at home last week.

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One of the problems this team had last year was Saturday morning matches. So far, it appears interim coach Tim Byram has corrected that problem as the team has defeated both M.I.T. and Gordon on Saturday mornings.

Bates also had a number of individual honors in the tournament. Kate Hagstrom had 73 assists and 16 kills. She had no errors in her 20 attempts and 13 service aces, on top of a .800 hitting percentage. These sick numbers earned

her a place on the All-Tournament Team and the M.V.P. of the entire tourney.

Amanda Colby was just as impressive with 35 kills and three errors in 54 attempts. Colby was also named to the All-Tournament team, like Hagstrom.

Hagstrom received the biggest honor on the team this week. The Bobcat was named the NESCAC Volleyball Player of the Week. Hagstrom also realizes the role her teammates

play. She said, "It's an honor and it's nice to be recognized but at the same time it is a team sport. I wouldn't be able to be successful at my job if the passers didn't do their job."

After the Gordon match, the Bobcats completed the clean sweep, knocking off St. Michaels, who has yet to win a match, in straight sets. The team gave up a total of four points over the entire match. This improved Bates to 6-2 on the week, which would get even better after the UNE match.

Forgetting about the individual performances for a second, look at what this team did. They played nine sets and won them all. No opponent scored 10 points on them in an individual game all week. This is pretty impressive. Granted, it wasn't the greatest competition, but again, beating teams you're supposed to beat is something you have to do. They beat these teams so badly that they were able to move up to #3 in New England and are now on a five match winning streak. Things will be tougher in a hurry as this weekend the Bobcats will play in the M.I.T. Invitational. They will face a 9-1 Tufts team on Friday night, which is a real big match because it would put Bates in the winner's bracket.

As Amanda Colby put it, "We know it's a big weekend, playing against stronger competition. The support we had last weekend and the way we dominated, winning on strong play and not just mistakes from the other team have us confident going into this weekend."

Women's Soccer answers offensive call

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team quickly put to rest any concerns that anyone had about their ability to finish. In a weekend of highlights, the team outscored their opponents by a total score of 5-2, defeating Norwich and Middlebury. What began as a tough road trip to Vermont for two games, ended with two big wins, putting Bates over the .500 mark at 2-1.

However, a team that continues to be plagued by injuries, suffered another huge one this week when they found out Amanda Waterhouse is out for the season with a torn right ACL. Co-captain Jolene Thurston is also still injured and will probably miss another two weeks.

On Friday the team made the trip to Norwich, and gained a 3-1 win. Less than 24 hours later, the Bobcats took on the Middlebury Panthers and knocked them off 2-1 in overtime, in what is becoming a bigger rivalry by the game. Head Coach Jim Murphy said, "The wins were huge. The team showed a lot of character. It's not easy to turnaround after playing Norwich Friday afternoon, and then play Middlebury into overtime the next day."

A number of individual achievements last weekend added up to two wins. Names such as Kate O' Malley, Kim Martell, Shannon McCumber and Amanda Waterhouse were heard a lot.

On the new found offense, Waterhouse said, "We had trouble scoring last year so the goals this weekend were a confidence booster. Norwich scored first, and a lot of times teams will give up after giving up the first goal in a game, but we didn't. Then, when we scored our first goal and after that, the goals just kept coming."

The trip didn't start out on a good note as

Lynn Lust gave Norwich an early 1-0 lead in the 10th minute of Friday's game. The Bobcats answered quickly though as Amanda Waterhouse knocked in a pass from Kate O' Malley less than three minutes later. The goal was Waterhouse's first on the year, but it wouldn't be her last in the trip as she would later score in the Middlebury game on Saturday.

From there, the two teams played a close game on the score board for a long time. However, the Bobcats were the team that was on offense most of the time, outshooting Norwich 22-4 over the course of the game. This made first-year keeper Kim Martell's job a lot easier. Martell made three saves in her first career victory in goal for the Bobcats. Rachel Cochrané finally broke the tie in the 73rd minute, scoring unassisted, and less than a minute later O' Malley tallied the final goal of the contest, also unassisted.

This gave O' Malley her 100th career point, and she became only the second player in women's soccer history to do it. She is now only 14 points away from being the leading scorer in history and only 6 goals short of being on the top of that list two. Murphy commented that O' Malley obtained a very historic mark on the weekend.

Bates took the field against the Panthers at 12 p.m. the next afternoon. This is a series that is becoming more and more intense with each game. Middlebury dropped the Bobcats 5-0 in Lewiston early last season, before Bates responded in the ECAC Tournament, defeating the Panthers 2-1.

Amanda Waterhouse opened the scoring in the 3rd minute of the game, putting the Bobcats on top. Right before the break Middlebury responded though, when Caitlin Ryan scored. From here on in this game would become quite intense with the defenses taking over. Each

keeper played a big role, with both making seven saves.

Regulation time ended with the score still even at one. But just over three minutes into the first overtime, Kate O' Malley found first-year Shannon McCumber open, and McCumber scored the game-winner. The goal was McCumber first-career goal, and a timely one at that. O' Malley's pass pit the first-year one-on-one with Middlebury goalie Ali Connolly, would be beaten by McCumber.

O' Malley added, "It was a really big win, coming back from Wellesley. It really sets the tone for the rest of the season, especially winning in overtime. Our goals also came from many different sources, which shows the depth of our team"

Each keeper had seven saves, and Martell's seven were enough to get her second career victory as a Bobcat.

This was a very big weekend for a young team with a ton of people stepping for Bates. One concern was the keeper position, and Kim Martell seems to be filling that role quite nicely. The strong first-year class that everyone is talking about, really stepped up also. Kate O' Malley and Amanda Waterhouse both had huge offensive weekends.

Well, the Bobcats survived the opening three games, which were all on the road. They passed a big test over the past week, and are now 2-1 and finally returning home. However, this is a team that is going to continue to need to overcome adversity. They have done it thus far, playing without Thurston. Now add Waterhouse to that list. Someone will need to step up. The Bobcats get Trinity this weekend at 11 a.m., hoping to extend their winning streak to three. They will then move on to face Simmons on the road next Wednesday night at 7:15 p.m.

Women's CC; still undefeated

By PAUL ZINN
Sports Editor

The women's cross country team continued their success of their opening weekend, last weekend, at Bowdoin, in Brunswick, Me. The Bobcats defeated Bowdoin by a score of 26-30. Head Coach Carolyn Court's group of runners continue to step it up, and are looking like they have every intention of achieving their preseason goal of finishing in the top 10 in New England. The Polar Bears were #10 in the preseason poll in New England, but that did not deter the 'Cats from going into their house and beating them.

Number one runner Katie Parker said, "I don't think anyone was expecting us to go there and beat Bowdoin. I think that was good because it took our minds off it. It took the pressure off of us."

Victoria Shen of Bowdoin was actually the winner of the dual race overall, but in cross country the team that has five runners finish before five runners from the other team wins. After Shen, the Bobcats showed their depth that they talked about in the pre-season. They would take the second, third, and fourth positions. Katie Parker and Abby Anthony, fresh off their first and second overall in the UMaine Presque-Isle Invitational, finished second and third overall and first and second for Bates. Parker finished five seconds behind Shen with a time of 20:06, and Anthony finished two seconds behind

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